

**GROUNDWATER MODELING  
WORKING GROUP MEETING NO. 14  
RED HILL BULK FUEL STORAGE FACILITY**

**MARCH 15, 2019**

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# **MODELING OBJECTIVES, INTENT, AND ISSUES & ACTION ITEMS**

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# **NAVY'S MODELING OBJECTIVE**

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The objective of groundwater modeling is to help ascertain potential risk to water supply wells as a result of a potential range of releases from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility under a range of reasonably conservative pumping conditions within the model domain. The results of this modeling effort will then be used to:

1. Inform decisions related to the Tank Upgrade Alternatives (TUA), and
2. Inform decisions related to potential remedial alternatives

Pursuant to the Administrative Order on Consent Statement of Work  
Section 6, Investigation & Remediation of Releases, and Section 7,  
Groundwater Protection and Evaluation

# **GROUNDWATER MODELING**

## **WORKING GROUP INTENT**

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**The intent of the GWM Working Group is to support the Navy's objectives relative to developing timely and technically defensible groundwater flow and contaminant fate & transport (F&T) models for Red Hill.**

- Technical feedback from Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) for consideration by the Navy on key elements of model development
- Provide assistance in ensuring that all appropriate data are considered in development of the model
- Provide assistance in collecting relevant data

**The GWM Working Group focus is on the deep technical issues related to technically defensible model development**

# **REGULATORY AGENCIES' CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL TECHNICAL COMMENTS**

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# CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2019 GROUNDWATER FLOW MODEL

2019: Tasks:

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| <b>Feb</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TFN/Synoptic Data Analysis/Calibration Curves</li><li>• Development of Saprolite Variants for the Model Grids</li><li>• Integration of Regional Geology (e.g. Saprolite, Tuffs, Basalt, VF, etc.) into the Refined Grid System</li><li>• Development of Model Grids</li></ul>                               |
| <b>Mar</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sensitivity Analyses</li><li>• Selection of Alternate Model Scenarios (Sensitivity Parameters)</li><li>• Volumetric Budgets</li><li>• Calibration to Synoptic and TFN (Including Alignment)</li><li>• Steady State Calibration</li><li>• Development of Pearl Harbor and Offshore Flow Boundaries</li></ul> |
| <b>May</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Write Draft GW Flow Model Report</li></ul>  |
| <b>Jun</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete Draft Report</li></ul>   |
| <b>Jul</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation of Draft Deliverable Content to the Regulatory Agencies</li><li>• Regulatory Agencies to provide Responses to Draft Deliverable Content</li></ul>  |
| <b>Oct</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• October 2019 GW Flow Model Report to Regulatory Agencies (October 5)</li></ul>  |

# **CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL UPDATE: HYDROGEOLOGY CONSIDERATIONS**

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# **CSM UPDATE – HYDROGEOLOGY CONSIDERATIONS: GEOLOGY**

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# **RESPONSE TO AOC PARTIES' TOP 10 COMMENTS: CONCERN WITH THE INTERIM CSM**

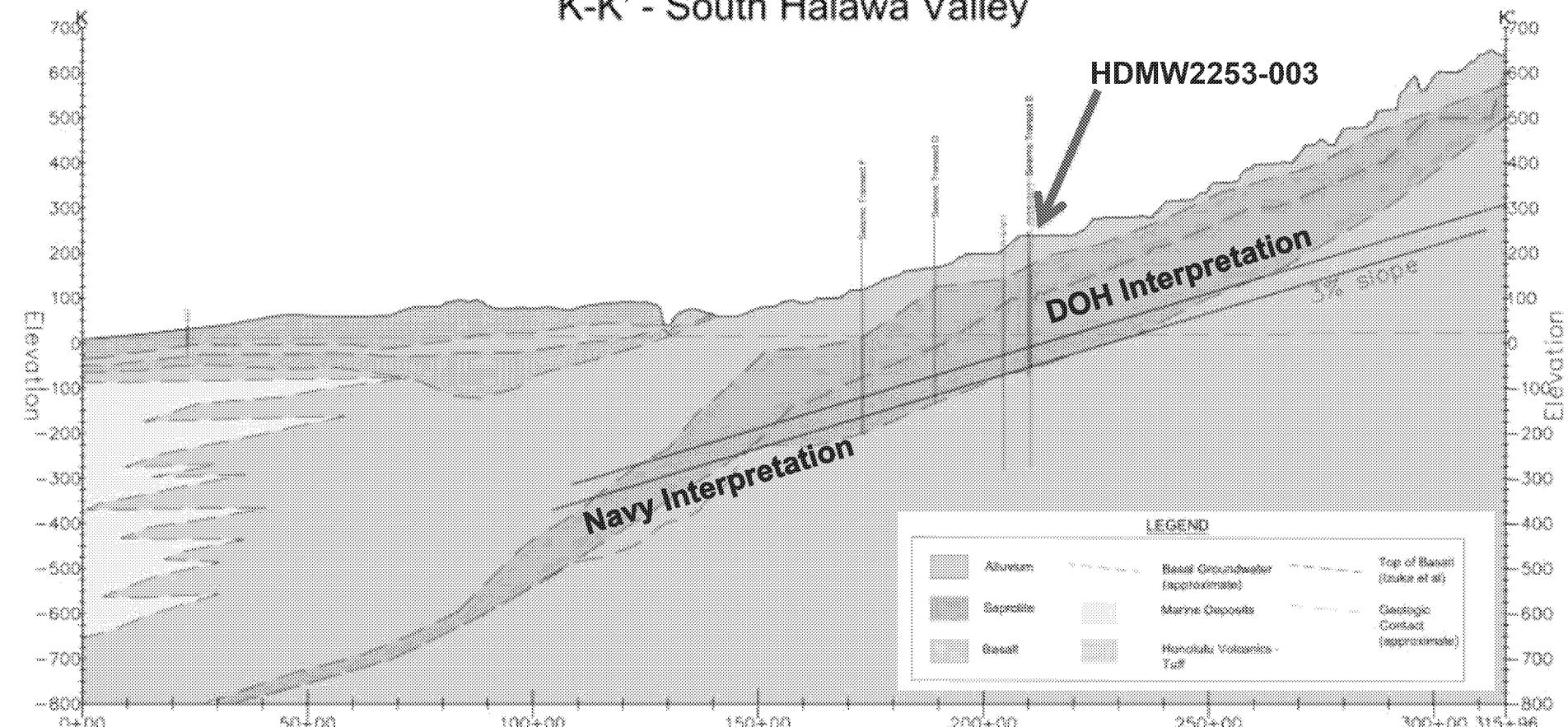
<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
1. Predominant strike and dip of basalt in the geologic model	<p>Following a site visit between the Navy and DOH on November 28, 2018, the AOC Parties agreed upon 213.6 degrees as the dip azimuth and 2.9 degrees for the dip magnitude. This orientation is being incorporated into a new flow model grid and will also be used for further evaluation of potential LNAPL migration.</p> <p>Additionally, the Navy may conduct an initial sensitivity analysis for a dip azimuth of 184.6 degrees with a dip magnitude of 5.9 degrees, since there is inherent variability in basalt flows as evidenced by the bimodal distributions observed as part of the geologic study.</p>

# **RESPONSE TO AOC PARTIES' TOP 10 COMMENTS: CONCERN WITH THE INTERIM CSM (CONT.)**

Comment	Response
2. Saprolite extent in the interim model vs. depths inferred by seismic profiling	<p>The Navy has developed a 3-D geologic model that describes the lateral and vertical extent of saprolite (as well as caprock, marine sediments, tuffs, and basalt) in the vicinity of Red Hill. This model is based on (a) the seismic study conducted by Boise State University (Dr. Lee Liberty), (b) previous geologic studies in the area, and (c) interpretation of boring logs from key well locations within the area. The Navy has discussed two different interpretations of the Halawa Deep Monitoring Well (2253-03) boring log for the saprolite/basalt interface with the AOC Parties: (1) DOH's -5 ft msl and, (2) the Navy's interpretation of -55 ft msl. The Navy extrapolated where each pick would cross the air/groundwater interface (piezometric surface) of the regional basal aquifer in South Halawa Valley by projecting the base of saprolite up valley using a 3% slope, which is based on the Oki 2005 estimated projection.</p> <p>The Navy is developing two saprolite models to represent conditions in South Halawa Valley. The Navy will use their interpretation of the saprolite model, and will evaluate the model's sensitivity to the DOH interpretation. Drilling is ongoing in South Halawa Valley, and more is planned.</p> <p>If new data are not available by the time the October 2019 model is developed, the Navy plans to use the more conservative interpretation of saprolite geometry for groundwater flow modeling.</p>

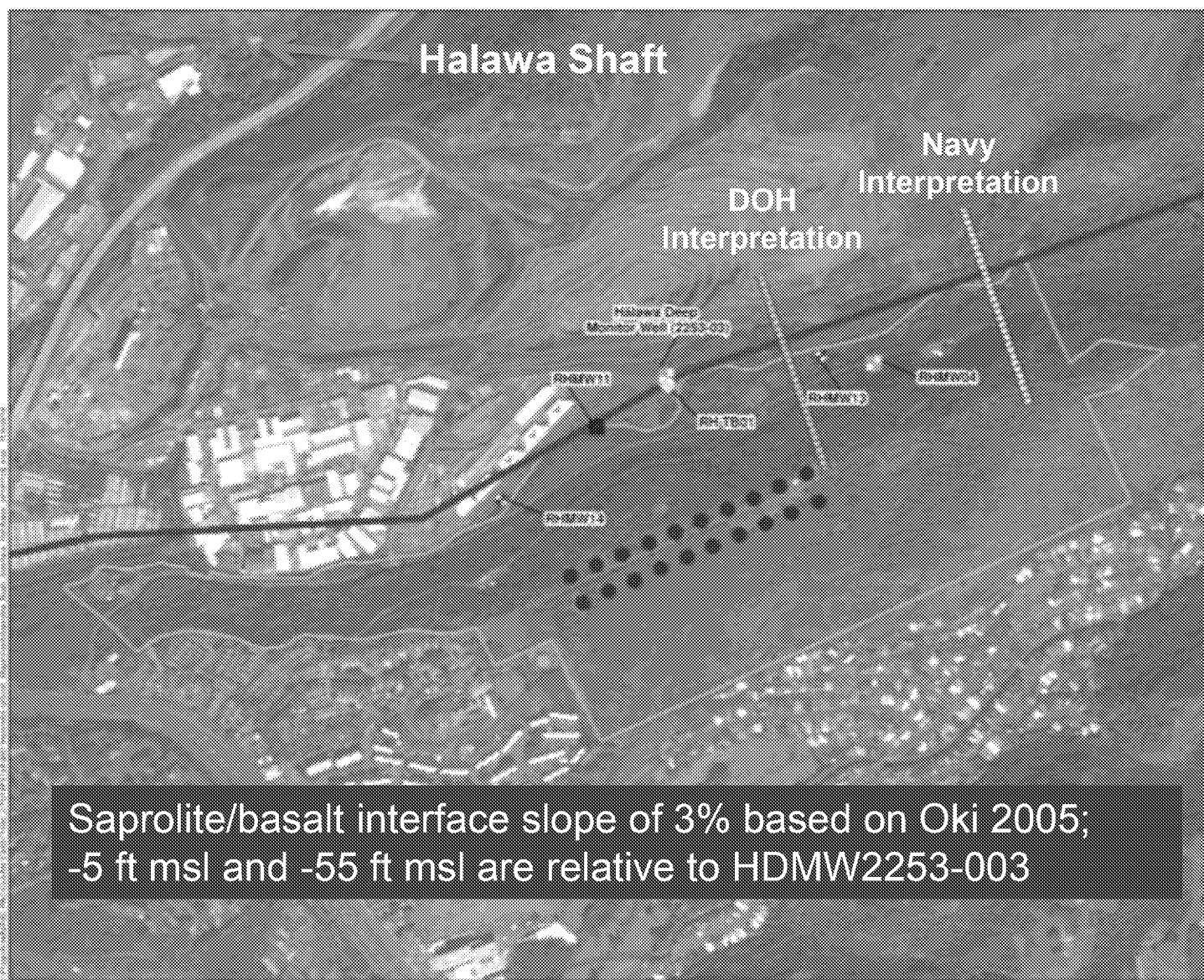
# SAPROLITE EXTENTS

K-K' - South Halawa Valley

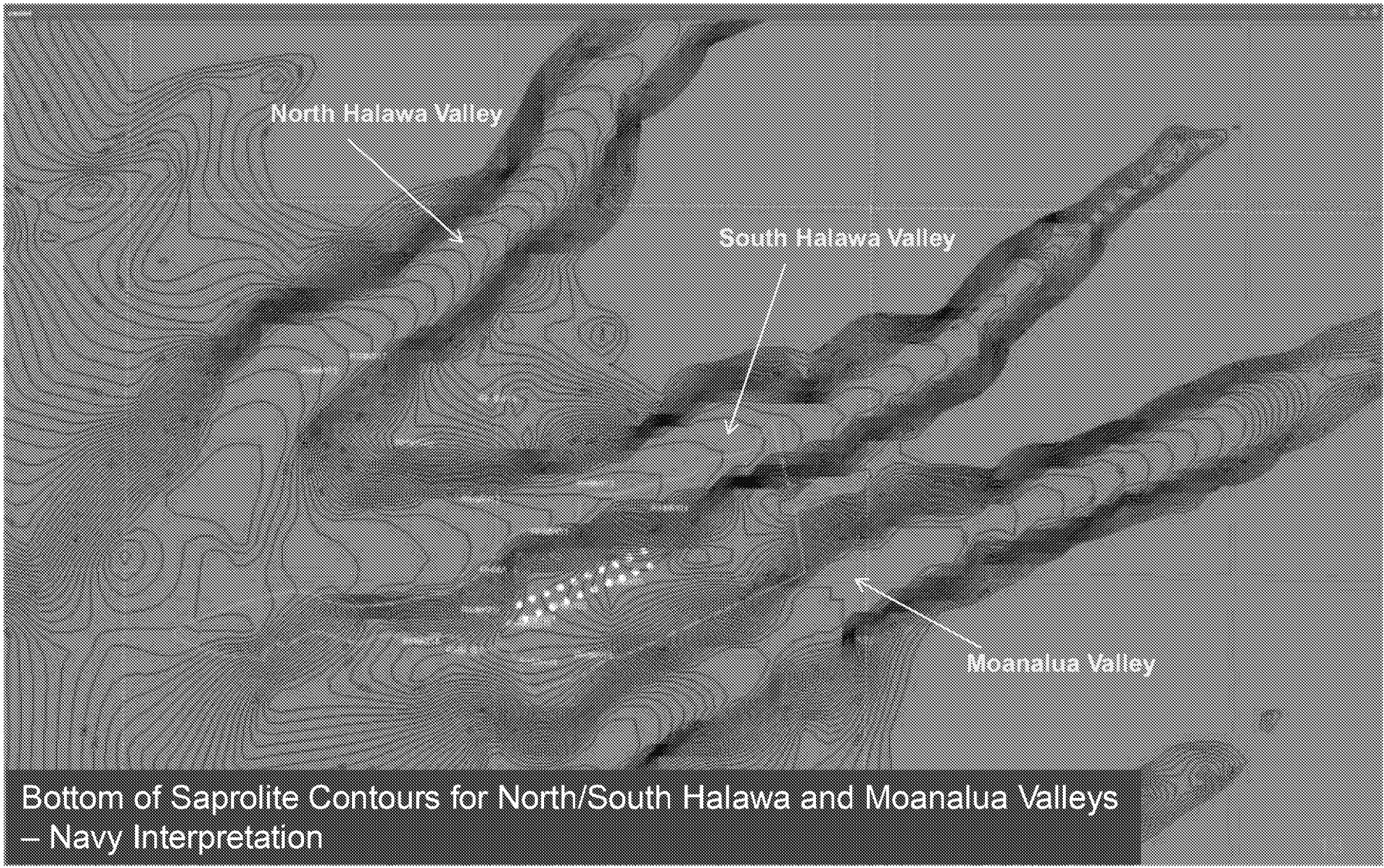


Saprolite/basalt interface slope of 3% based on Oki 2005;  
-5 ft msl and -55 ft msl are relative to HDMW2253-003

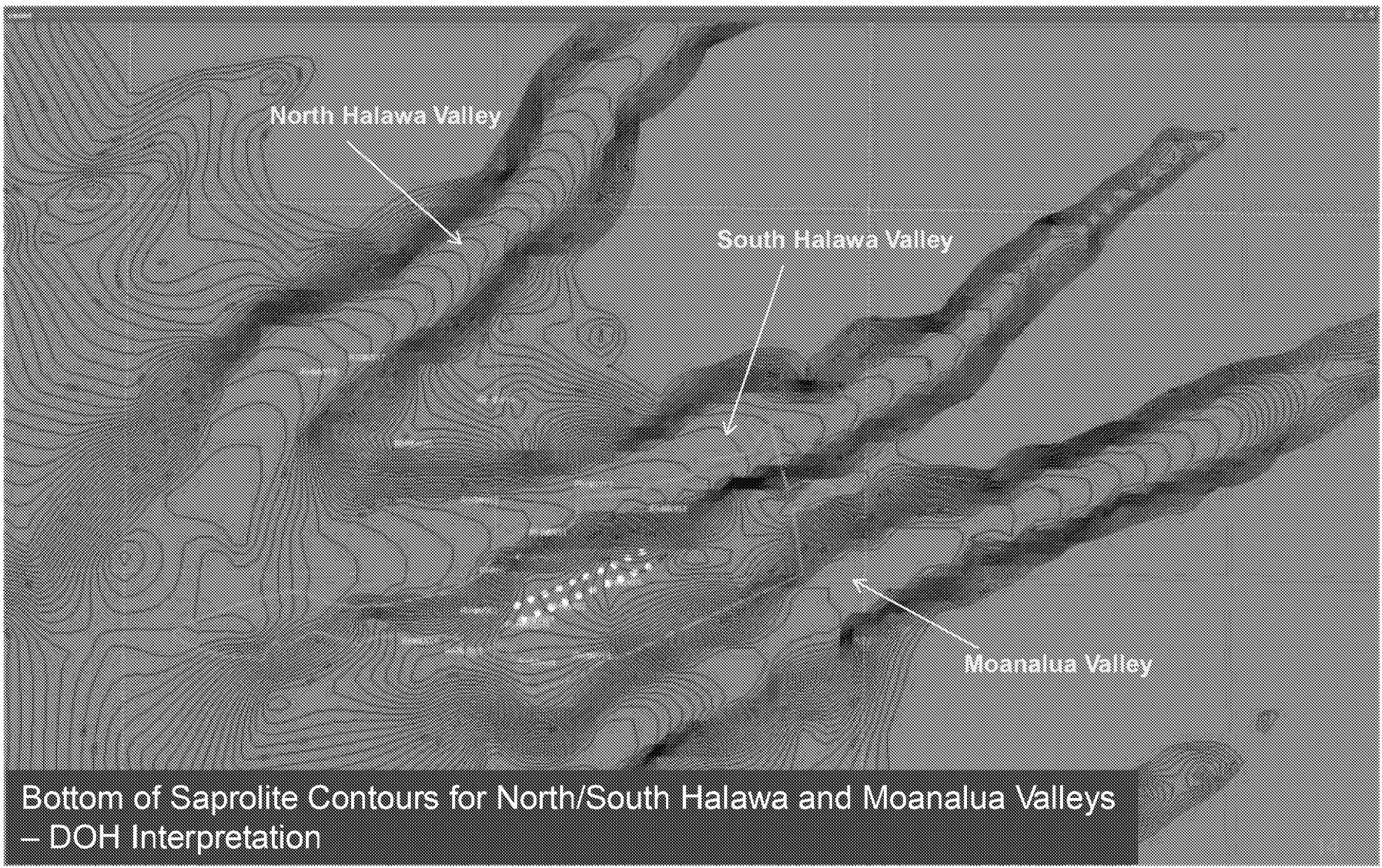
# SAPROLITE EXTENTS



# SAPROLITE EXTENTS – NAVY INTERPRETATION



# SAPROLITE EXTENTS – DOH INTERPRETATION



# **RESPONSE TO AOC PARTIES' TOP 10 COMMENTS: CONCERNs WITH THE INTERIM CSM (CONT.)**

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
3. Preferential pathways	<p>The Navy recognizes that there are potential preferential pathways that can affect groundwater and contaminant flow at Red Hill. Regarding lava tubes, various evaluations conducted by the Navy and presented to the Regulatory Agencies demonstrated that it is highly unlikely that a lava tube could provide a complete preferential pathway between the Red Hill Facility and Halawa Shaft. A sensitivity study as part of the interim modeling effort simulated a clinker zone beneath Red Hill to further evaluate preferential pathways related to highly permeable zones that could potentially impact Red Hill Shaft (and other areas). This type of approach will continue for the ongoing modeling efforts.</p>

## RESPONSE TO COMMENT #3 (CONT.)

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- Macdonald 1941 - *Geology of the Red Hill and Waimalu Areas, Oahu*: “*The lava flows form sheets 3 to 50 feet thick, with very irregular tops and bottoms, sloping gently southwestward. Many of them thin toward the southwest. The lavas moved down the slope toward the southwest as relatively narrow streams.*”
- Hunt Jr. (1996) states that “*Wentworth and Macdonald (1953, p. 31) listed measurements for 22 historical flows on Mauna Loa and Kilauea on the island of Hawaii, which presumably are typical of flows on Oahu as well. The flows on Hawaii average about 15 mi in length and about one-half mile in width.*” The distance from the NW Rift zone of Ko’olau volcano to Red Hill is approximately 8 miles. Flow core widths could be significantly less than one-half mile; potentially hundreds of feet wide.
- According to Macdonald 1941, many flows thicken or thin rapidly across the ridge, and some pinch out altogether at Red Hill. This implies the existence relatively narrow flows.

## RESPONSE TO COMMENT #3 (CONT.)

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- Lava flows are controlled by topography and follow the natural drainage pattern. Recent thermal imagery of the flows in the Pahoa area of the big Island shows that flows do meander typically up to 45° relative to the baseline flow direction (fall line). At Red Hill, a meander in a lava flow would need to exceed one mile transverse to the axis of the flow to intercept Halawa Shaft.
- Macdonald 1941: “*The pahoehoe flows are fed by lava moving through tubes in the interior of the flow, most of them only a foot or two across but a few reaching diameters of tens of feet. Sometimes the liquid lava drains away from these tubes leaving them partly or entirely empty.*”
- Lava tubes are constrained by the width of a lava flow they are part of.
- The geometry that would allow a lava tube near the water table under the Red Hill Facility to be oriented across (under or around) the saprolite in modern-day North and South Halawa Valleys, and then extend beyond is unlikely.

# RED HILL GEOLOGY

- Red Hill specific
  - Range of widths of basalt flows (in particular pahoehoe): Flows average about 15 miles in length and about one-half mile in width (Wentworth and Macdonald 1953).
  - Range of basalt flow thicknesses: 3–50 feet thick with very irregular tops and bottoms (Macdonald 1941); typically 5–10 feet thick.
  - Range of lava tube size (diameter or height and width): commonly small at 1–3 feet. Large lava tube greater than 20 feet in diameter encountered at upper elevations at Tanks 20 and 18.
  - Frequency of lava tubes across flows: present in pahoehoe flows, but frequency is difficult to determine as very few voids have been encountered during drilling
  - Evidence that lava tubes don't extend beyond a single flow field: there is no evidence at Red Hill, but generally at the flow front, the lava behaves much like a river delta, forming small distributary tubes that continue to branch until they consist of the same type of single flow-unit tubes (toes) that have been forming the flow the whole way downslope. A lava tube is a natural conduit formed by flowing lava that moves beneath the hardened surface of a lava flow. Tubes can drain lava from a volcano during an eruption, or can be extinct, meaning the lava flow has ceased, and the rock has cooled and left a long cave.
  - Range of meanders of flows off fall line: hundreds of feet to 1 mile.
  - Tendency of lava tubes to infill during weathering – lava tubes are conduits for water that can result in enhanced rock weathering

# PREFERENTIAL PATHWAYS

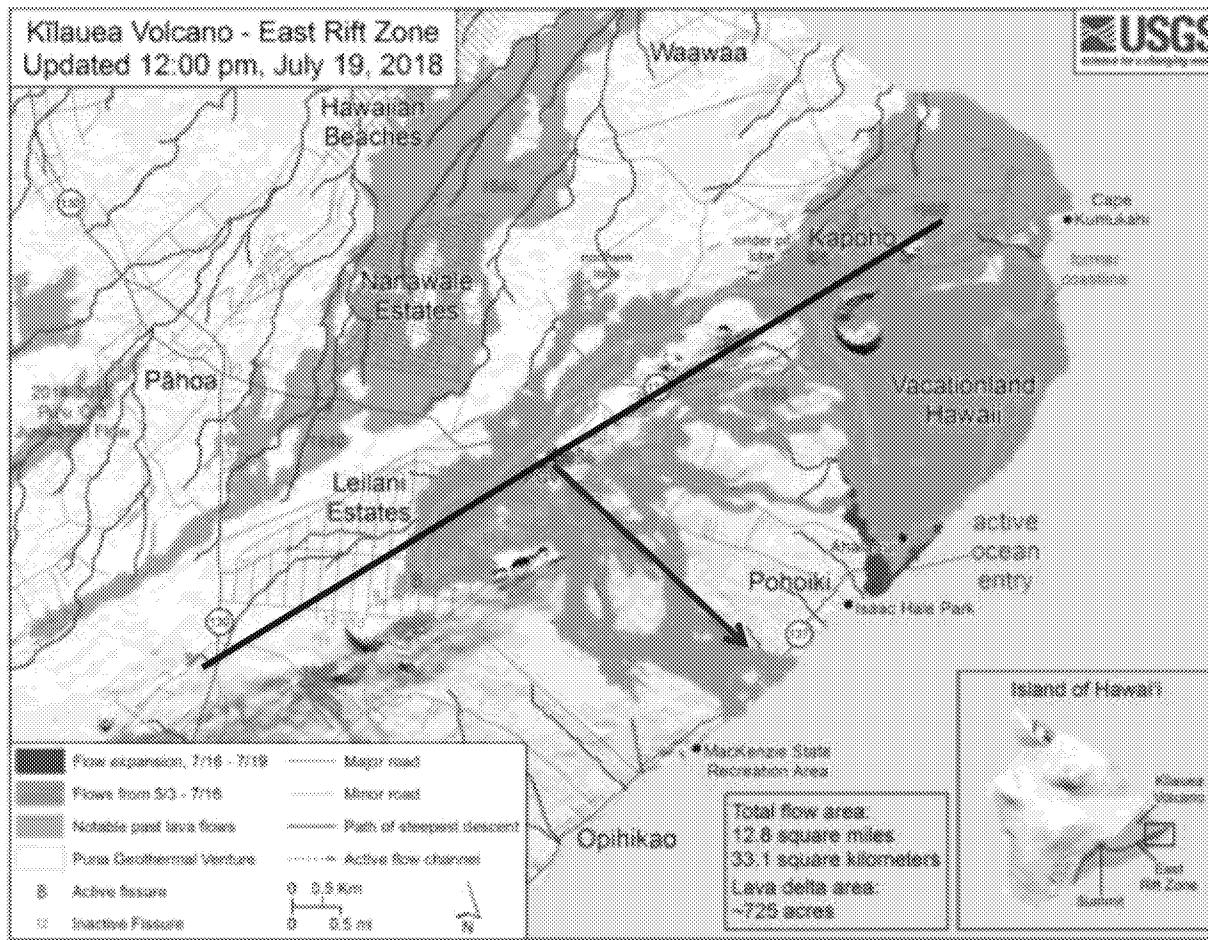
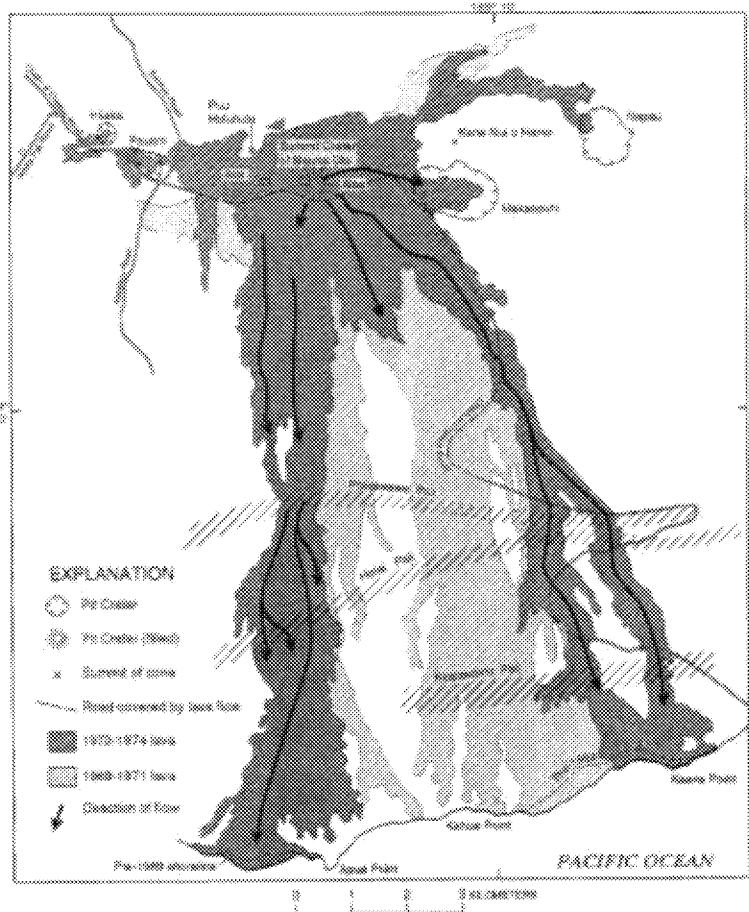


Figure 3.2 Geologic Map of recent lava flow directions from eruptions at the Kilauea Volcano, Hawaii. While the predominant downslope movement is roughly perpendicular to the East Rift Zone, there is significant variability in lava deposition pathways.

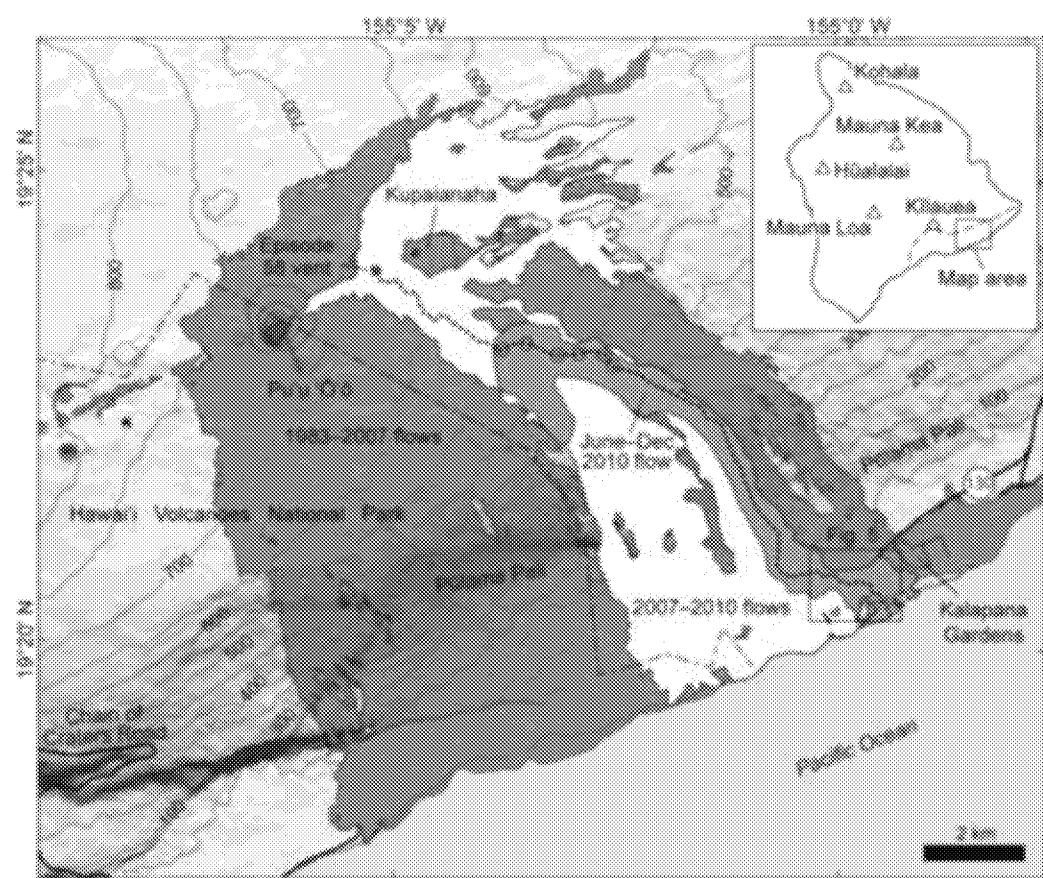
# PREFERENTIAL PATHWAYS



# PUBLICATIONS



Peterson et al. 1994

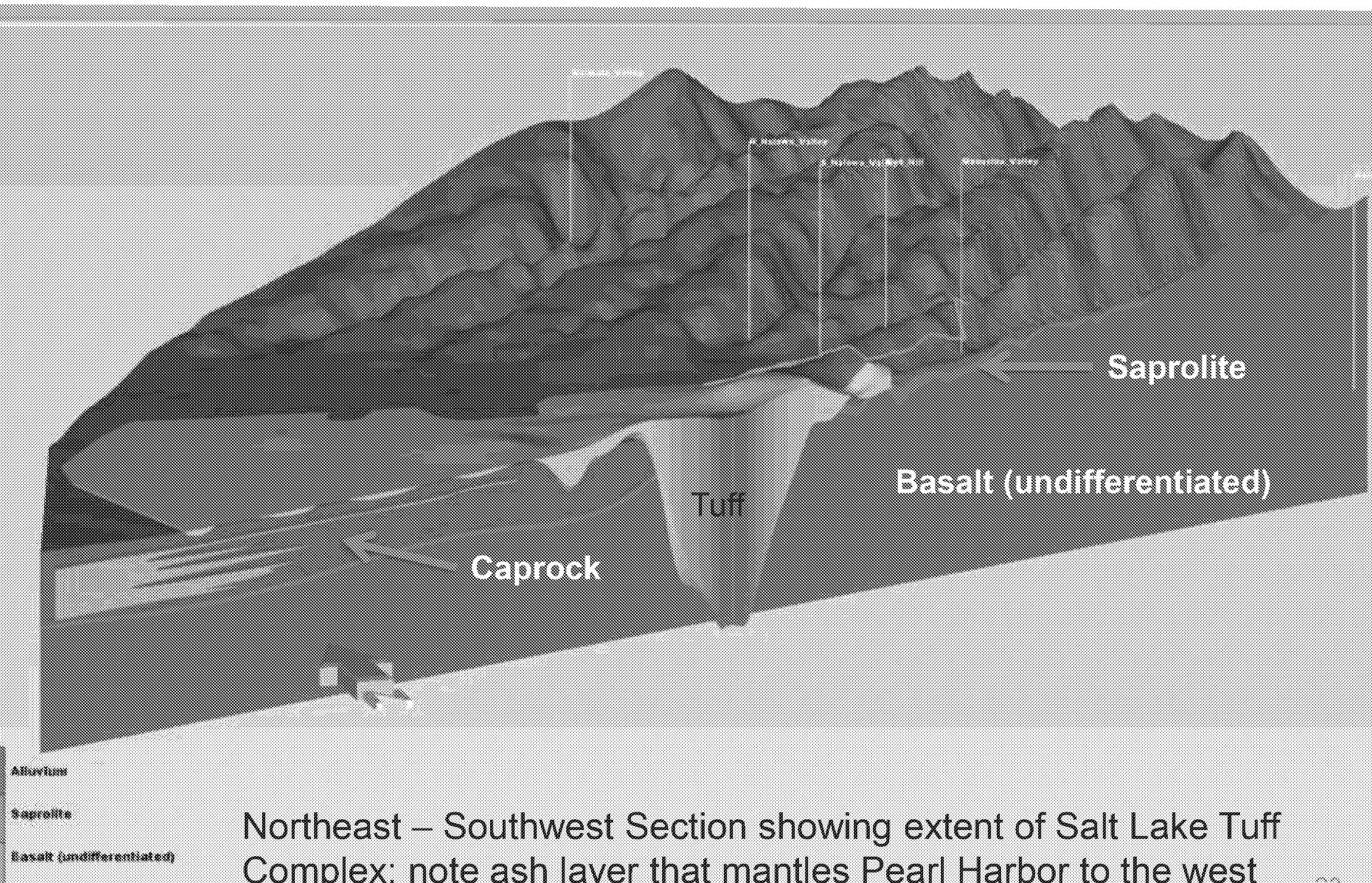


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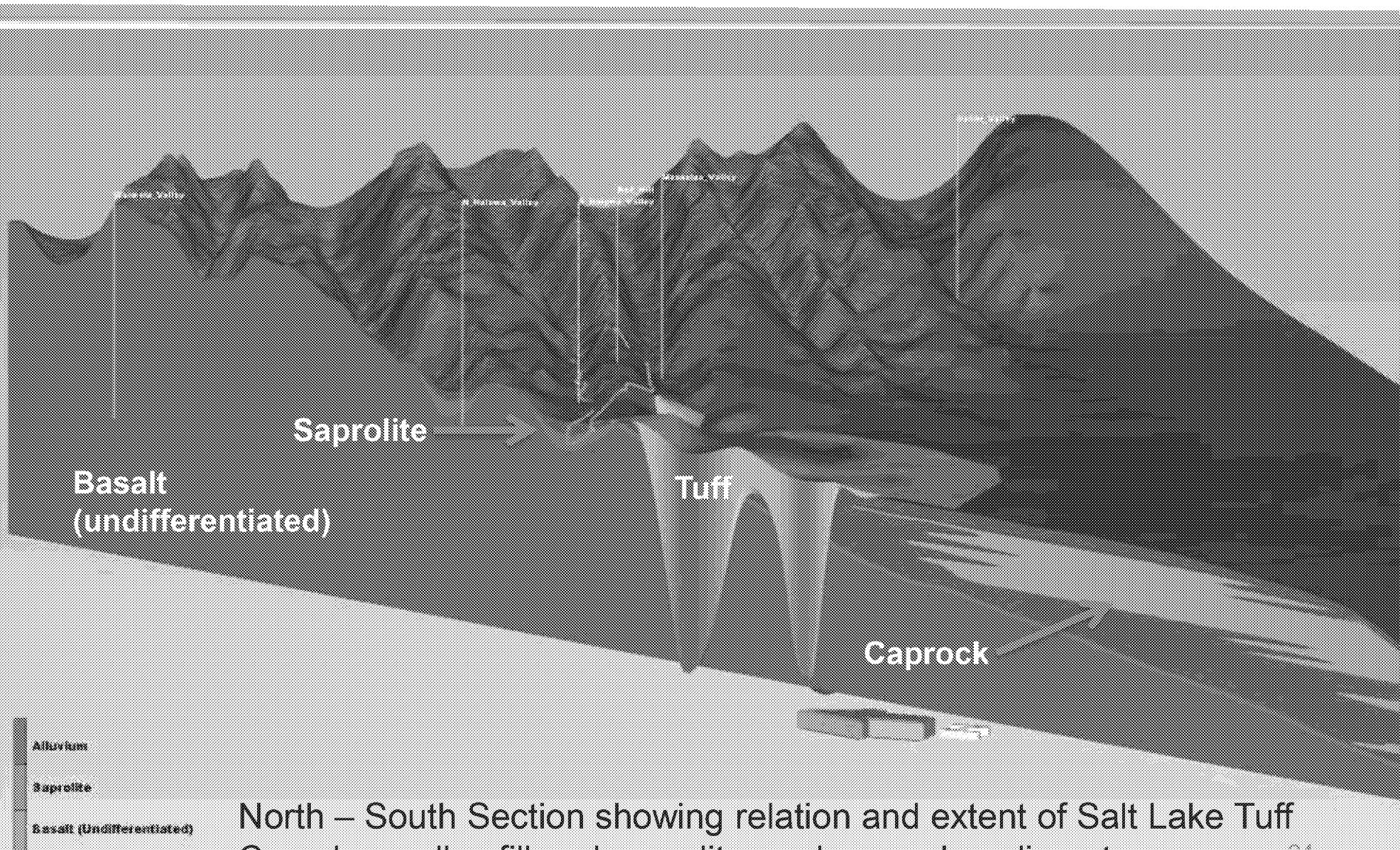
# **RESPONSE TO AOC PARTIES' TOP 10 COMMENTS: CONCERNS WITH THE INTERIM GWFM**

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
4. Representation of caprock, tuffs, and sediments	<p>The Navy's 3-D geologic model of the Red Hill area incorporates tuffs (associated with the Honolulu Volcanic Series), basalt, marine sediments, caprock, and saprolite. Interpretation of the marine limestone caprock geometry was largely based on borings from Stearns and Chamberlain (1967). The extent of ash deposits was based on a paper by Pankiwskyj (1972) as well as data from HART rail borings. The tuff cone vents were interpreted based on academic research papers on other similar Honolulu Volcanic Series tuff cones as well as tuff cones outside of Hawaii.</p> <p>Marine sediments and tuffs will be modeled as separate layers as part of the ongoing modeling effort.</p>

# CAPROCK, TUFFS, AND SEDIMENTS REPRESENTATION



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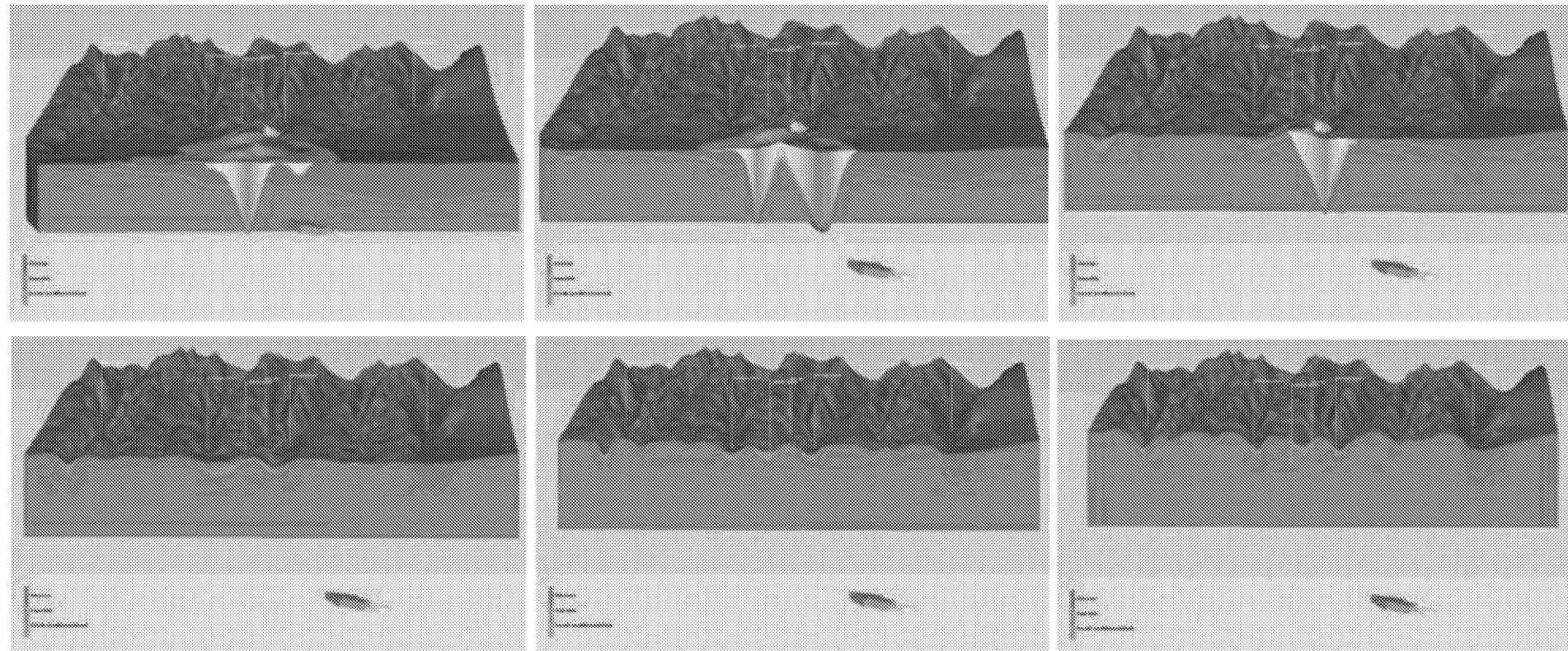


North – South Section showing relation and extent of Salt Lake Tuff Complex, valley fill and saprolite, and caprock sediments.

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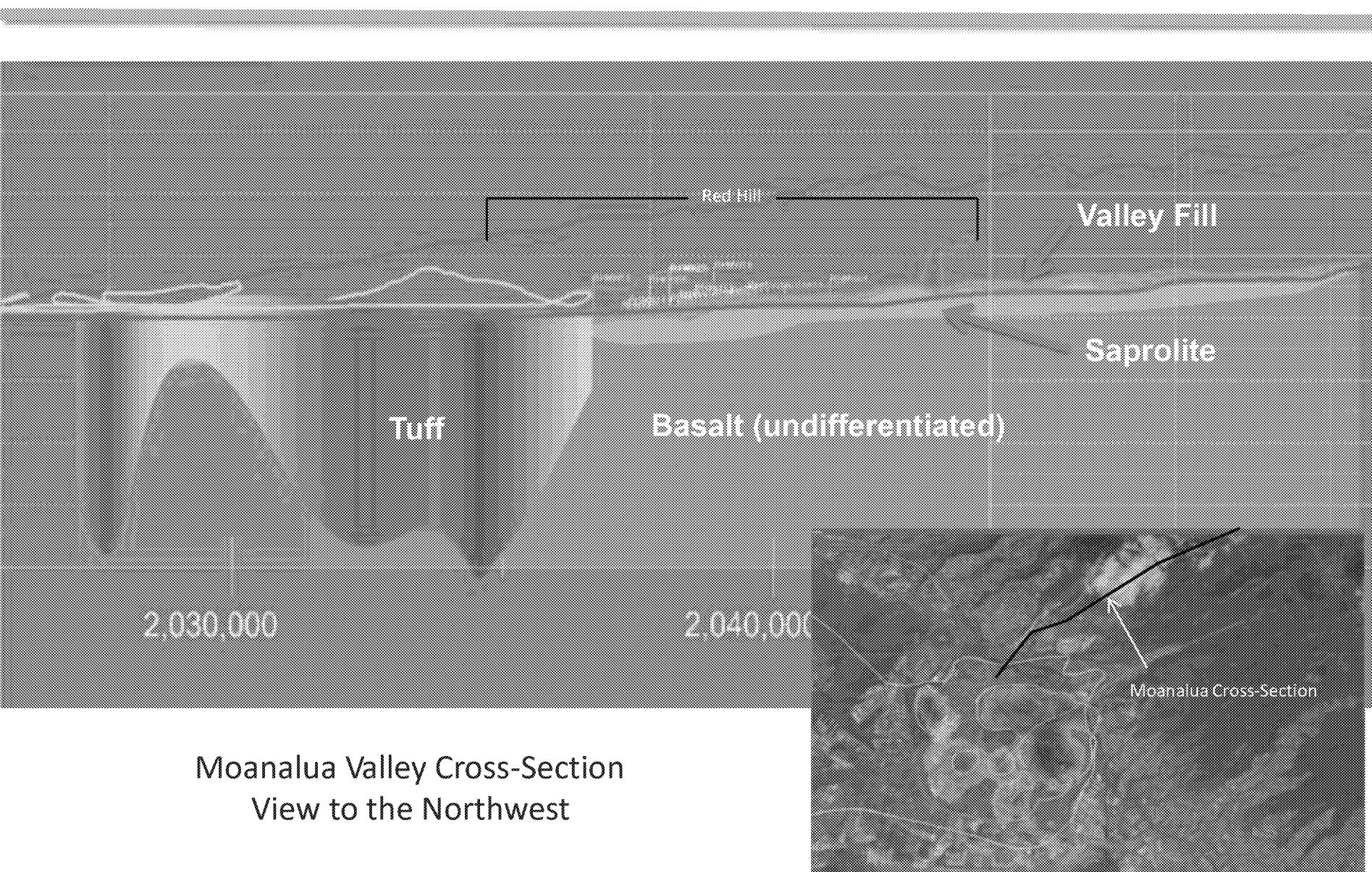


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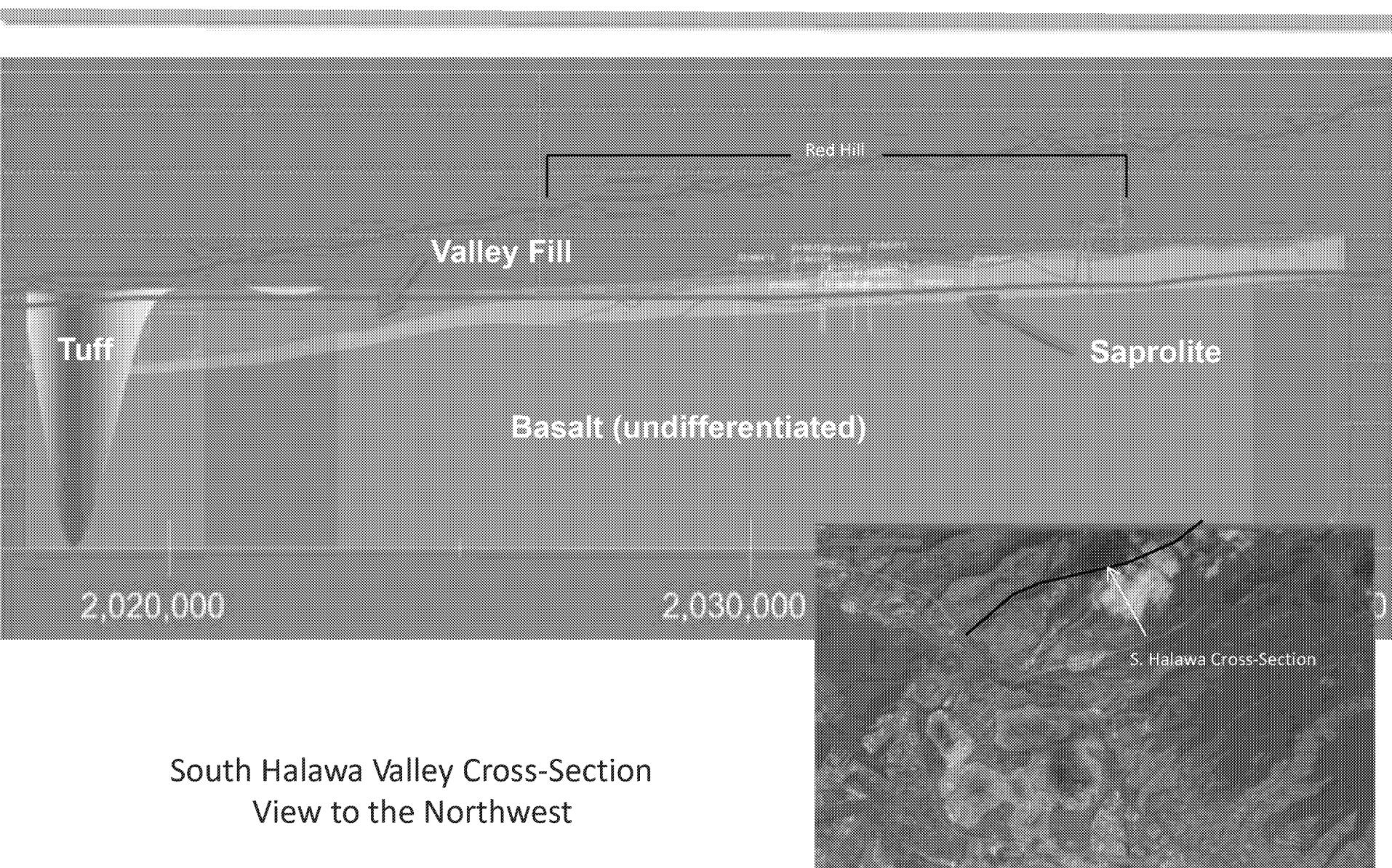


East – West Sections moving from South to North

# CAPROCK, TUFFS, AND SEDIMENTS REPRESENTATION WITH SAPROLITE EXTENT



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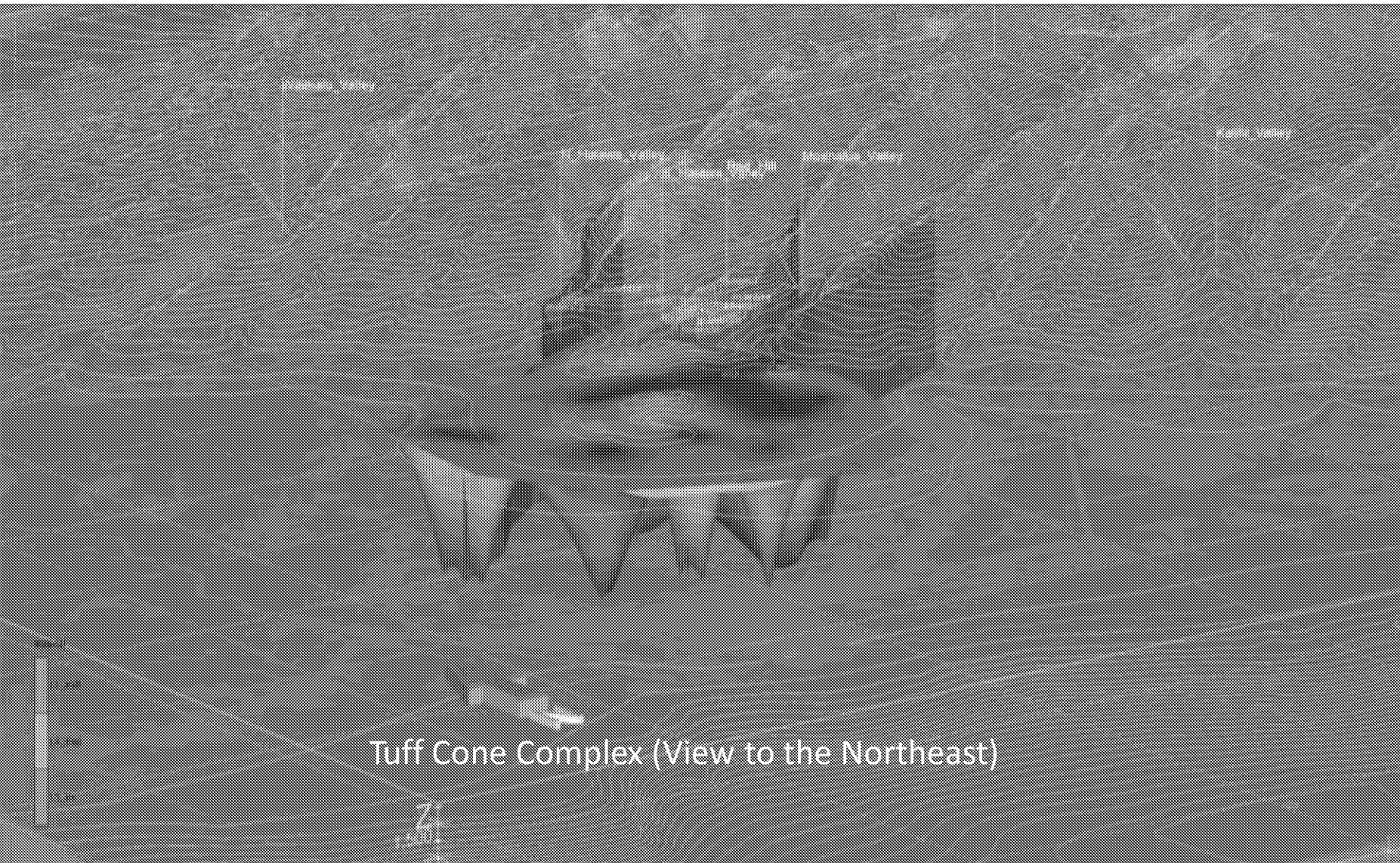


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Oblique View of Surface Tuff Extent

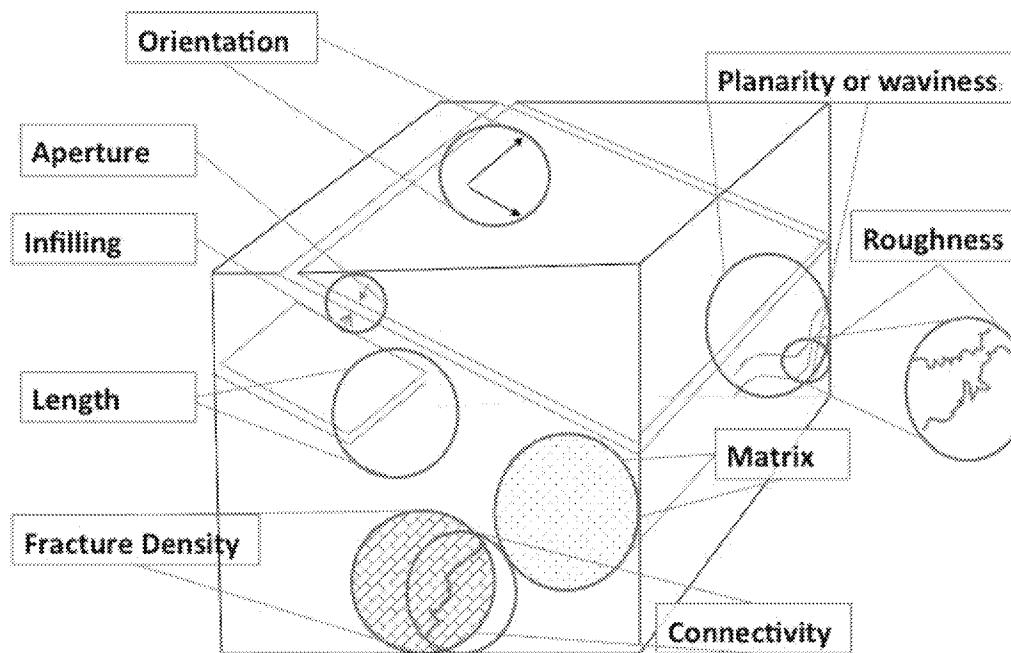
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Tuff Cone Complex (View to the Northeast)

# ITRC FRACTURED ROCK CSM - ARCHITECTURE

## ITRC Fractured Rock CSM - Architecture



Draft - For Discussion Only

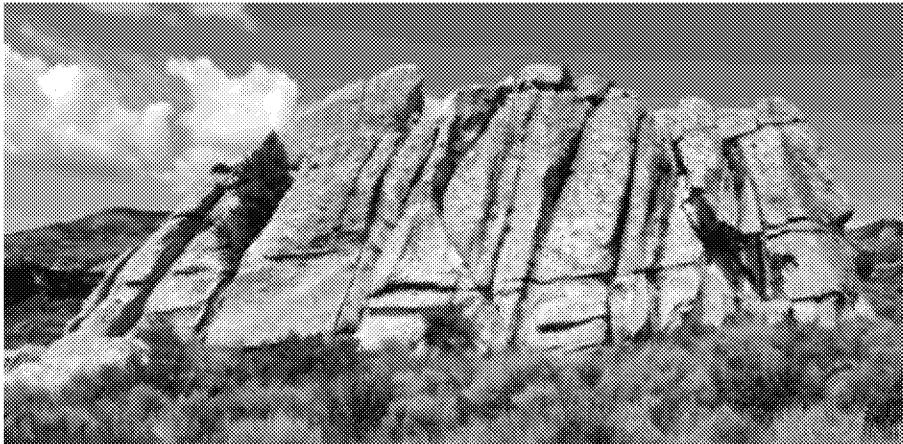
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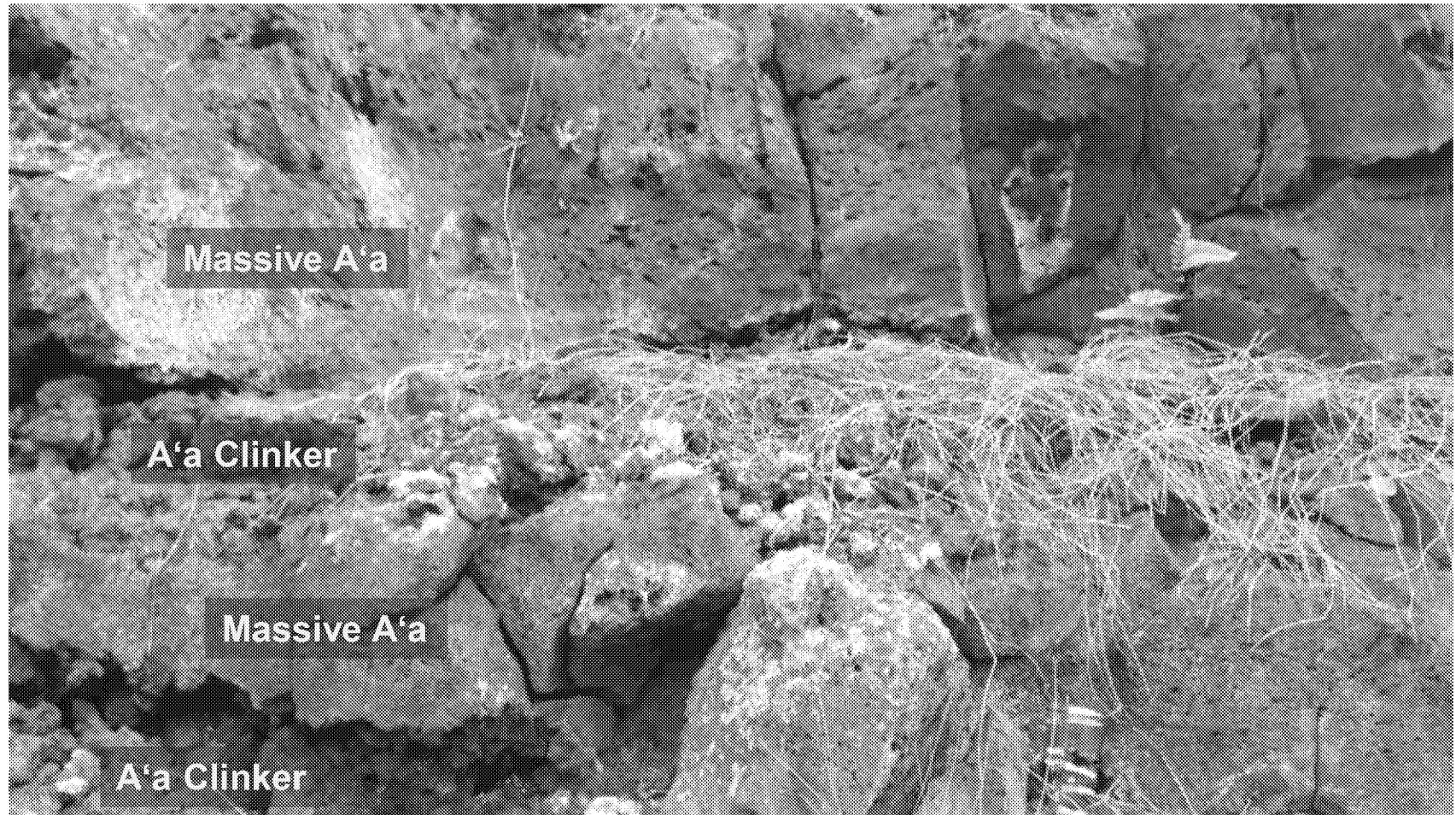
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**ITRC FRACTURED ROCK CSM – ARCHITECTURE**

# **CONTINENTAL GRANITIC AND VOLCANIC ROCKS**



# HAWAIIAN BASALTS – DISCONTINUITY OF FRACTURES ACROSS BEDS



From Regulators' Presentation at AOC Technical Working Group Meeting on February 13, 2019

# **CSM UPDATE – HYDROGEOLOGY CONSIDERATIONS: SYNOPTIC WATER LEVEL STUDY UPDATE**

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# **SYNOPTIC STUDY DATA REVIEW: PURPOSE**

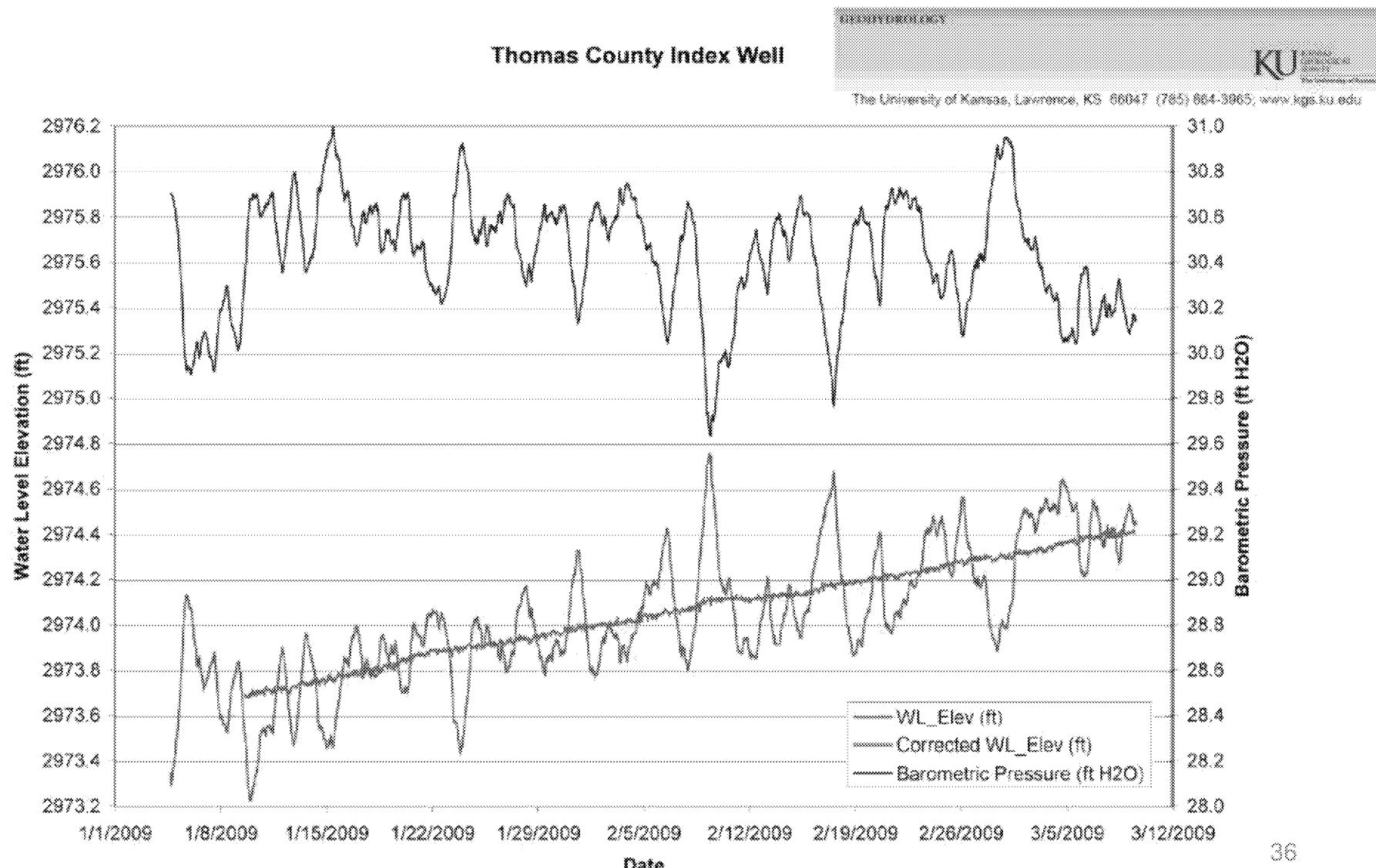
## **Previously analyzed Synoptic Study data to:**

- \* Evaluate regional basal aquifer response to pumping from
  - BWS Halawa Shaft
  - Navy Aiea Shaft
  - Navy Red Hill Shaft
  - BWS Moanalua Wells
- \* Evaluate hydraulic head changes in the regional basal aquifer
  - Various pumping conditions/combinations
  - Non-pumping conditions (locally)
- \* Evaluate regional basal aquifer response to
  - Barometric pressure fluctuations
  - Tidal fluctuations
  - Rainfall and streamflow conditions
- \* Estimate regional basal aquifer properties
  - Transmissivity and hydraulic conductivity
  - Storativity
  - Anisotropy

## **Re-analyzed Synoptic Study data to account for:**

- Barometric pressure influence on water level data
- Revised estimates of aquifer properties based on corrected water level data

# SYNOPTIC STUDY DATA REVIEW: KANSAS GEOLOGICAL SURVEY BAROMETRIC RESPONSE FUNCTION SOFTWARE



# SYNOPTIC STUDY DATA REVIEW: KANSAS GEOLOGICAL SURVEY BAROMETRIC RESPONSE FUNCTION SOFTWARE

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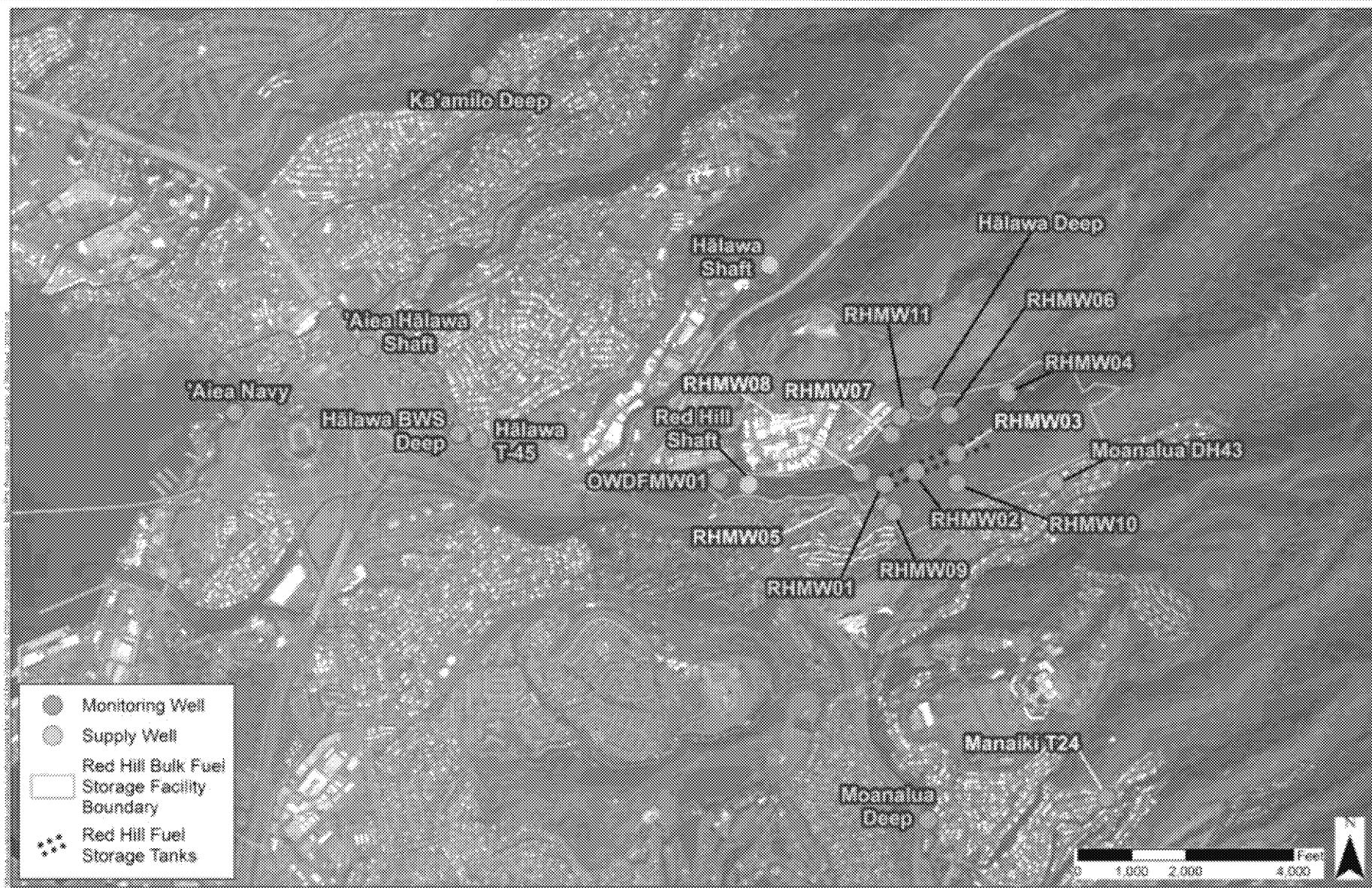
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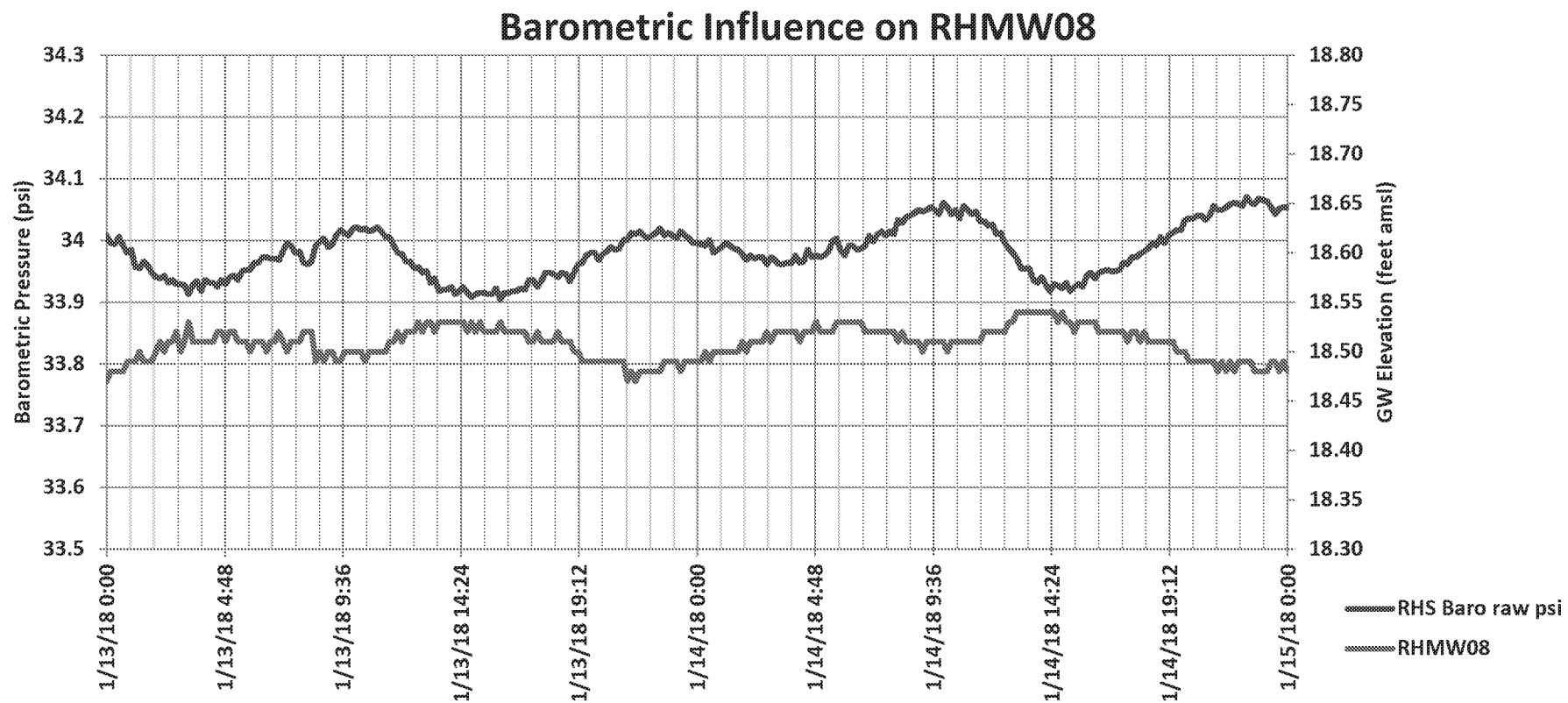
Correct WL  
(with selected BRF)

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# SYNOPTIC STUDY DATA REVIEW: LOCATION OF RHMW03, RHMW05, RHMW07, RHMW08, AND MANAIKI T24



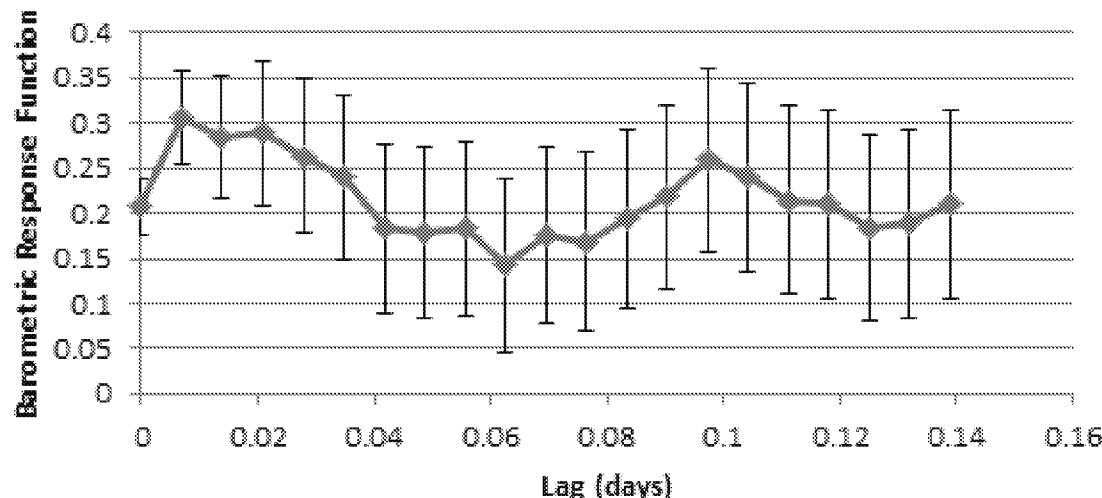
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**BAROMETRIC RESPONSE DURING  
NON-PUMPING AT RED HILL SHAFT**



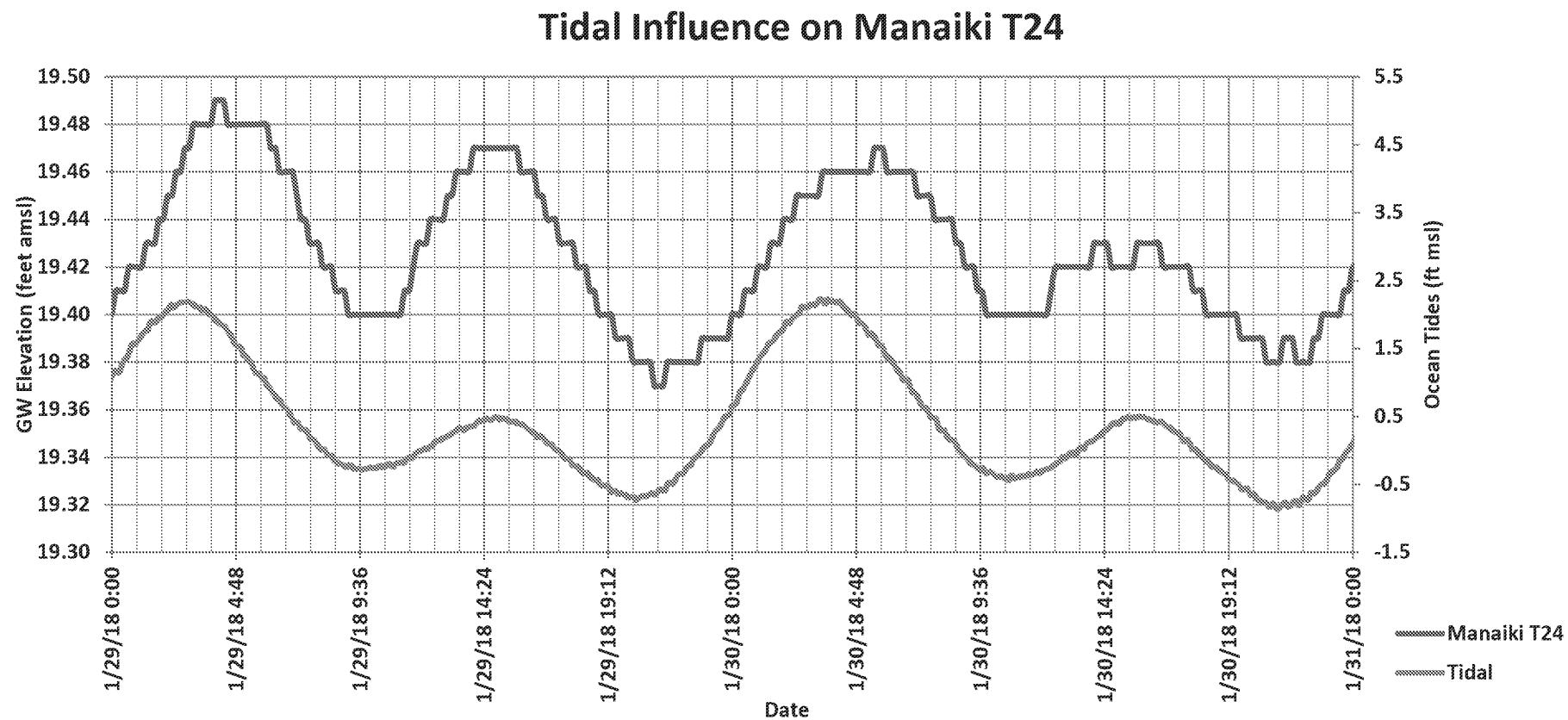
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3	0.020833333	0.005135	0.033661	0.289139	0.079415
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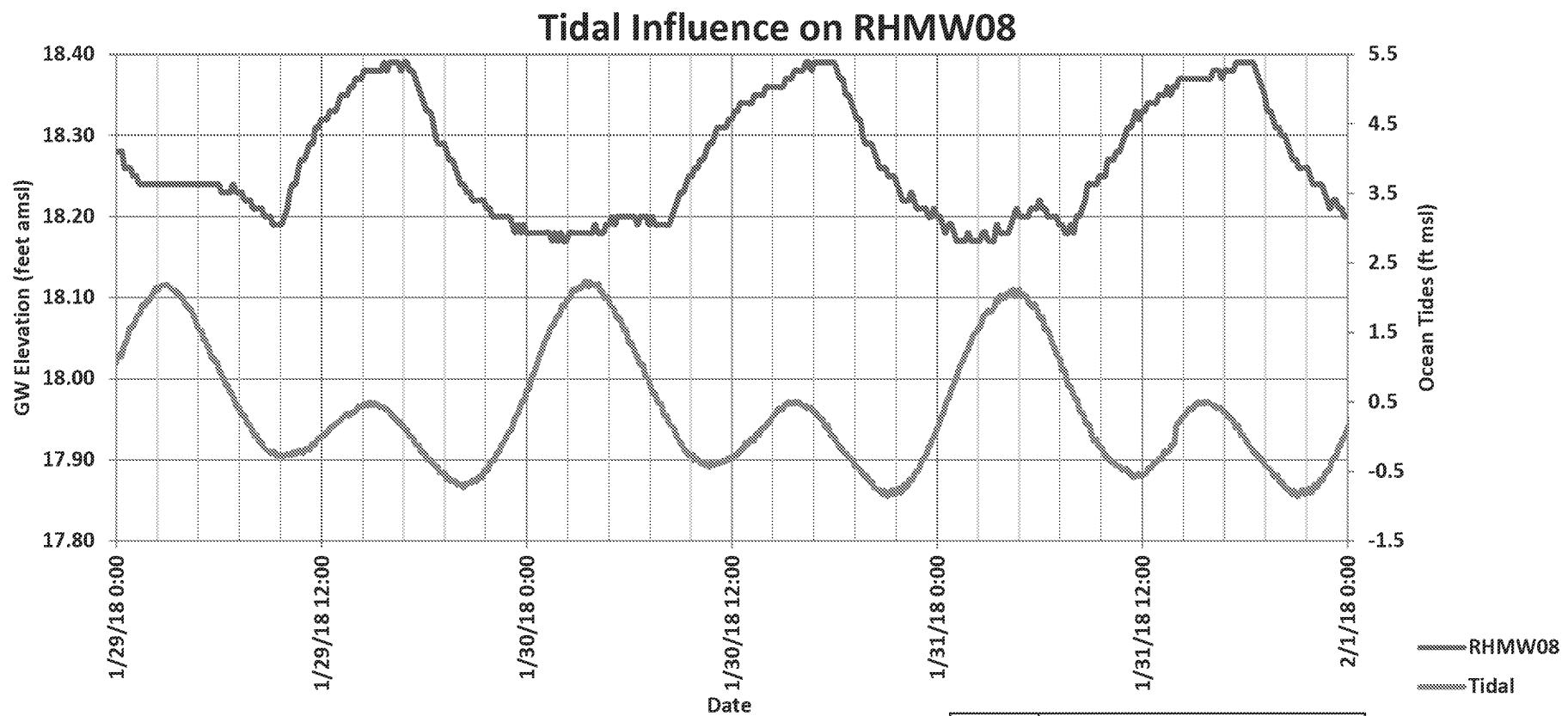
**Barometric Response Function For  
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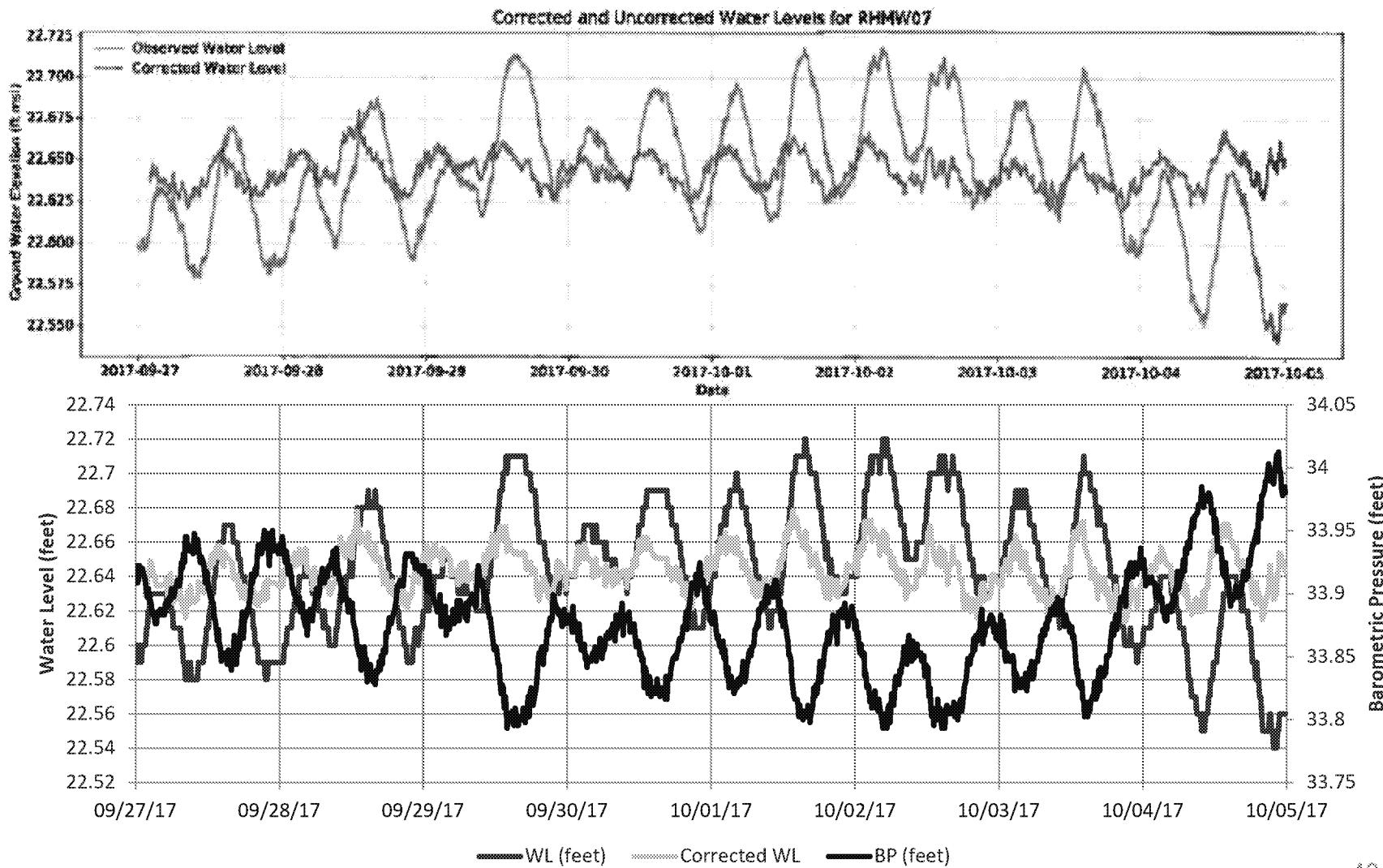


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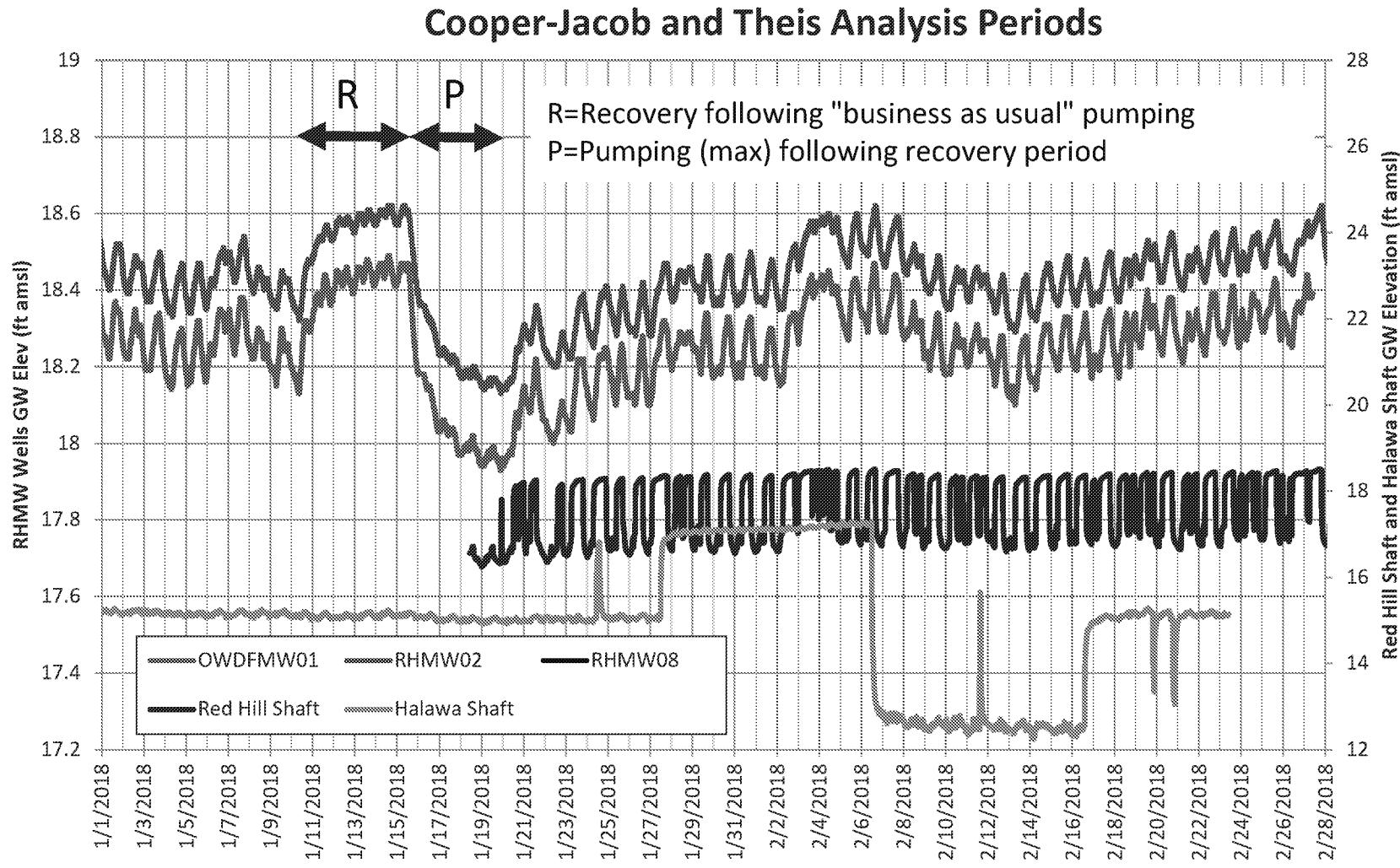


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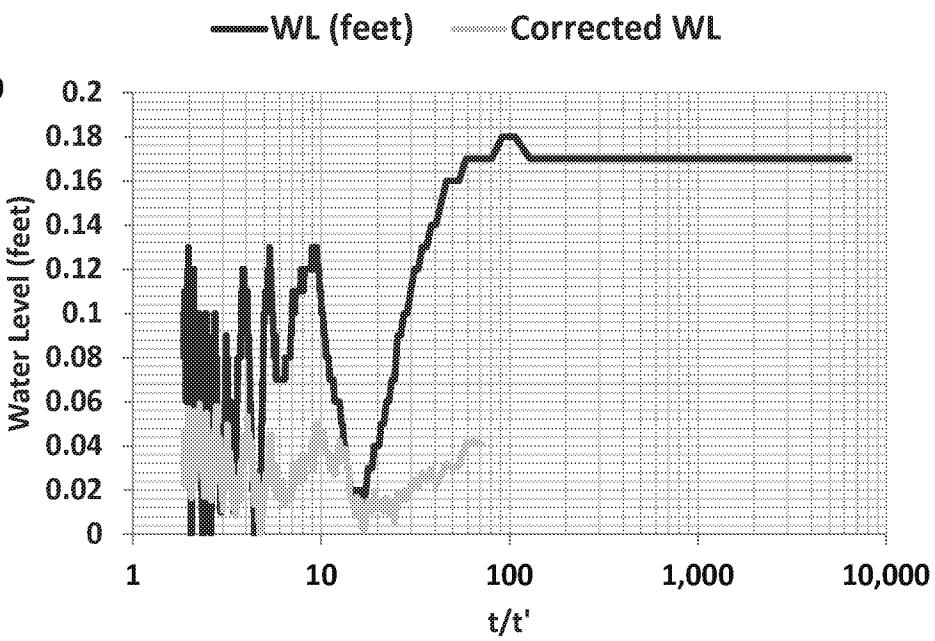
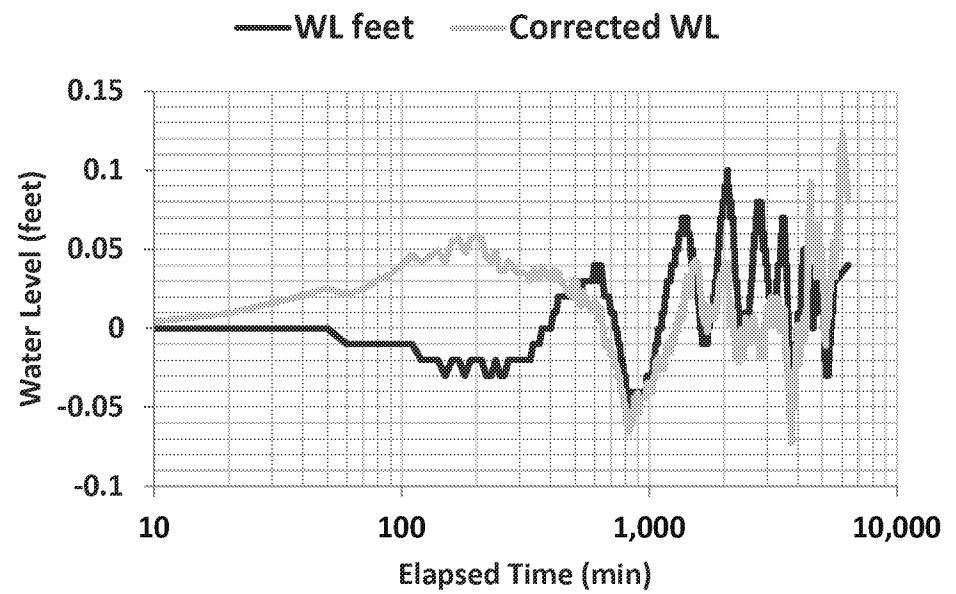
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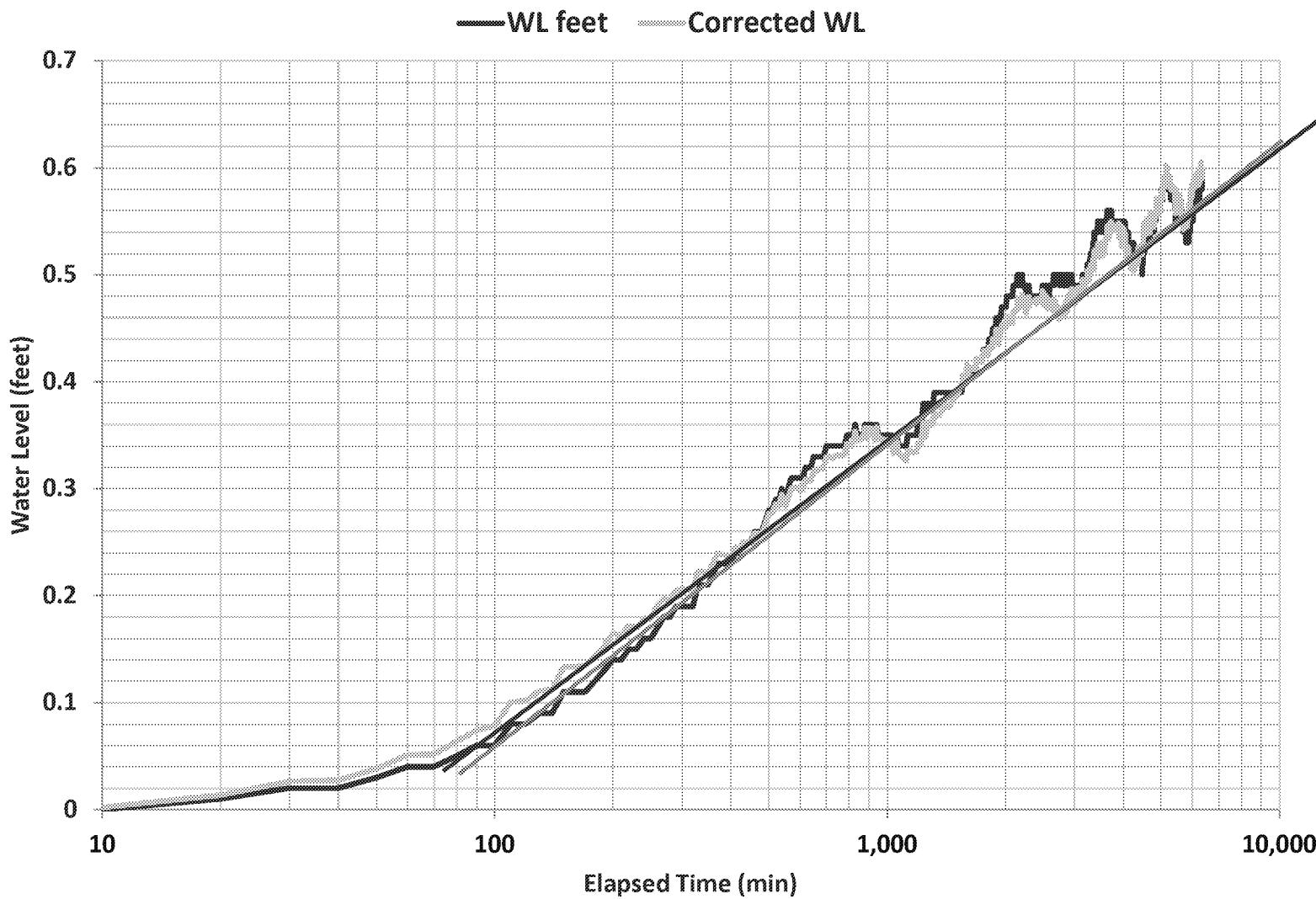
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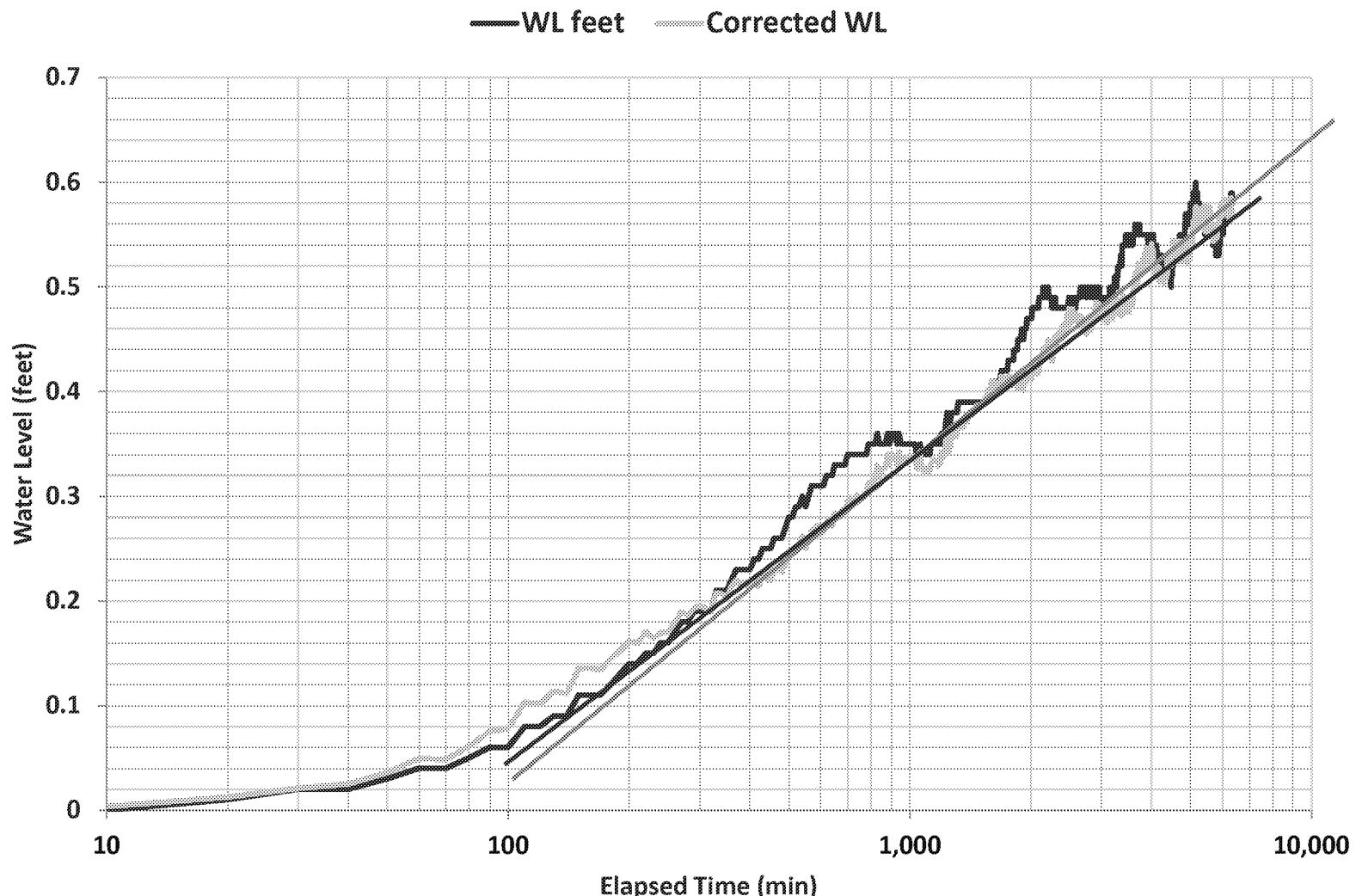
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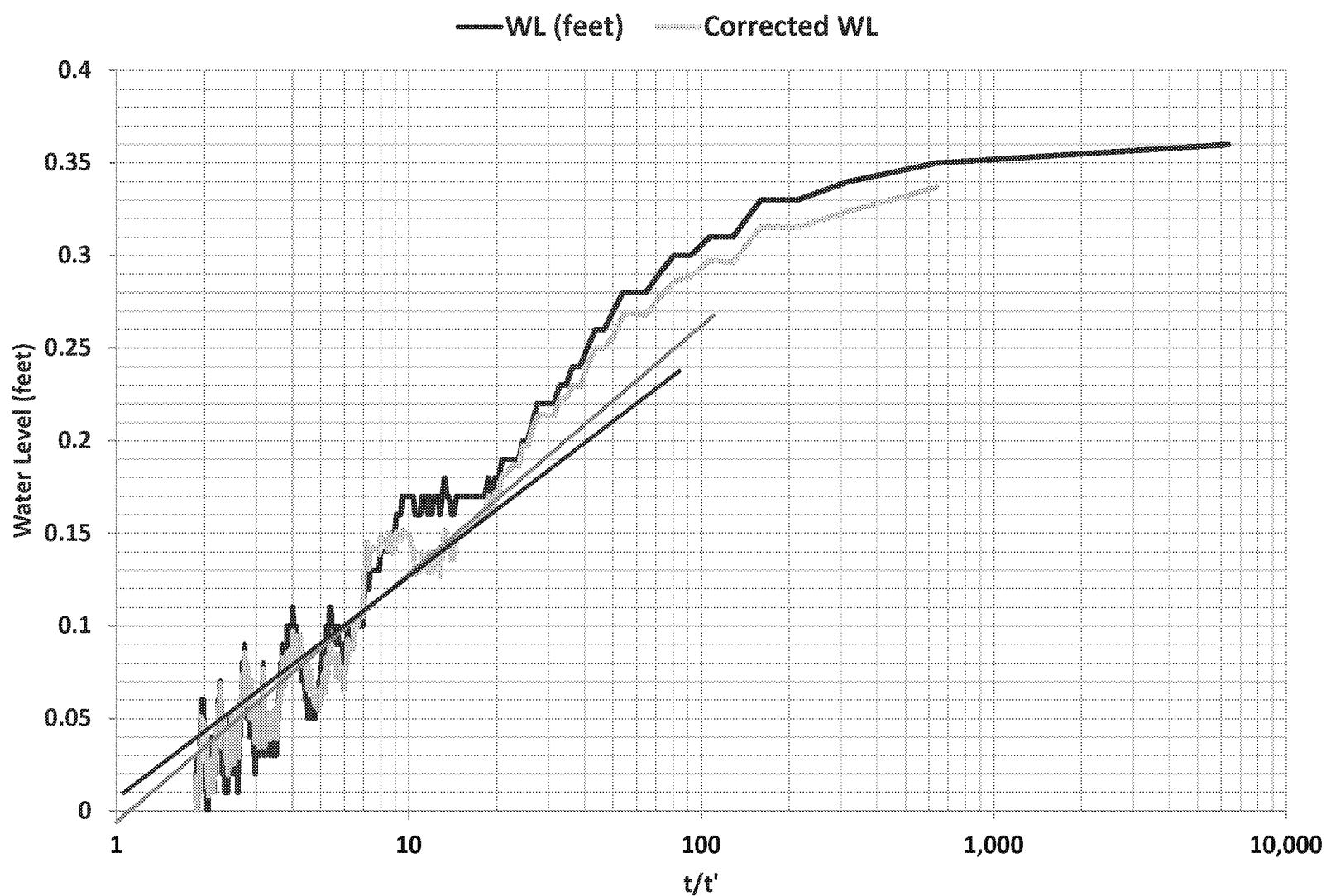
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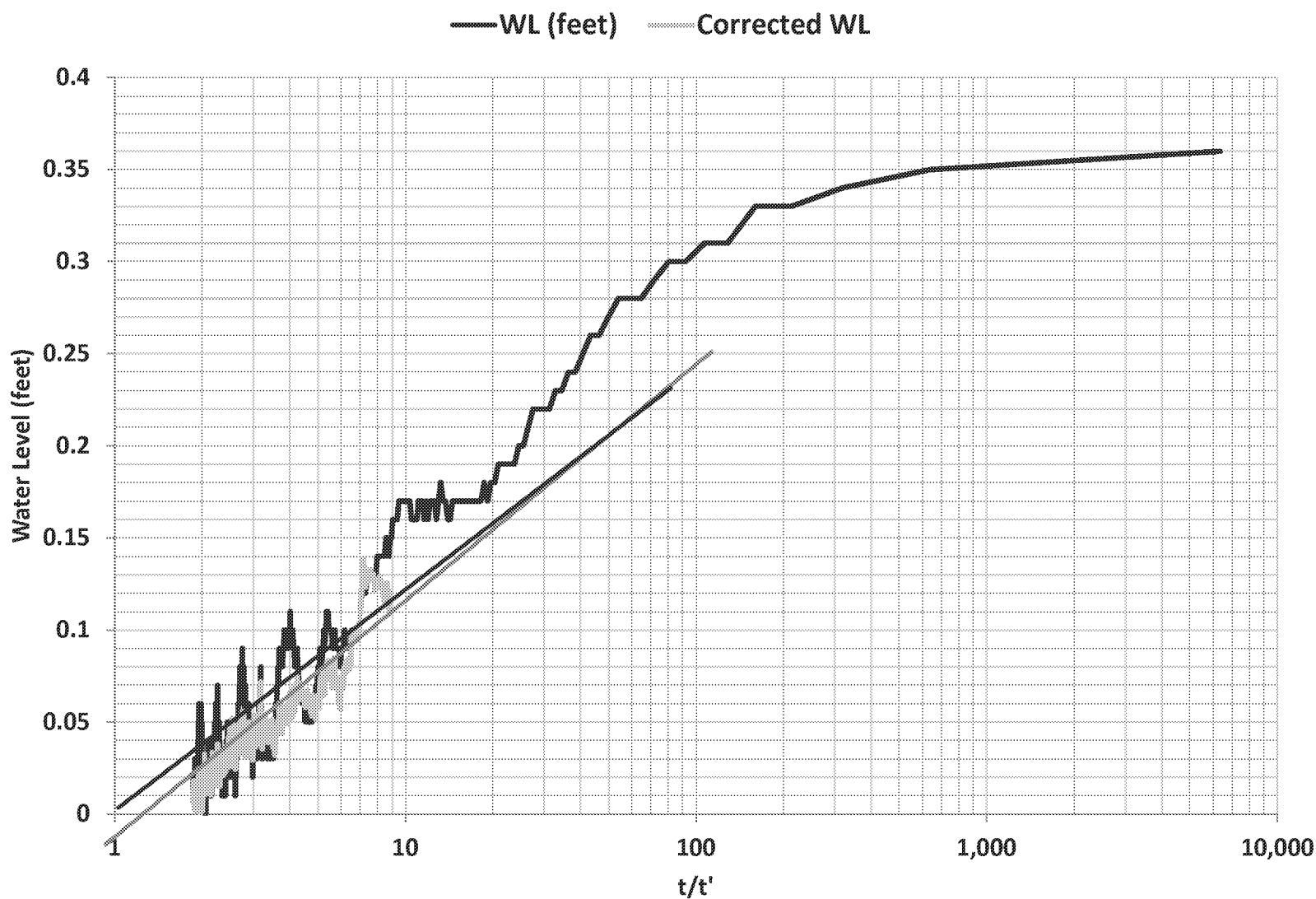
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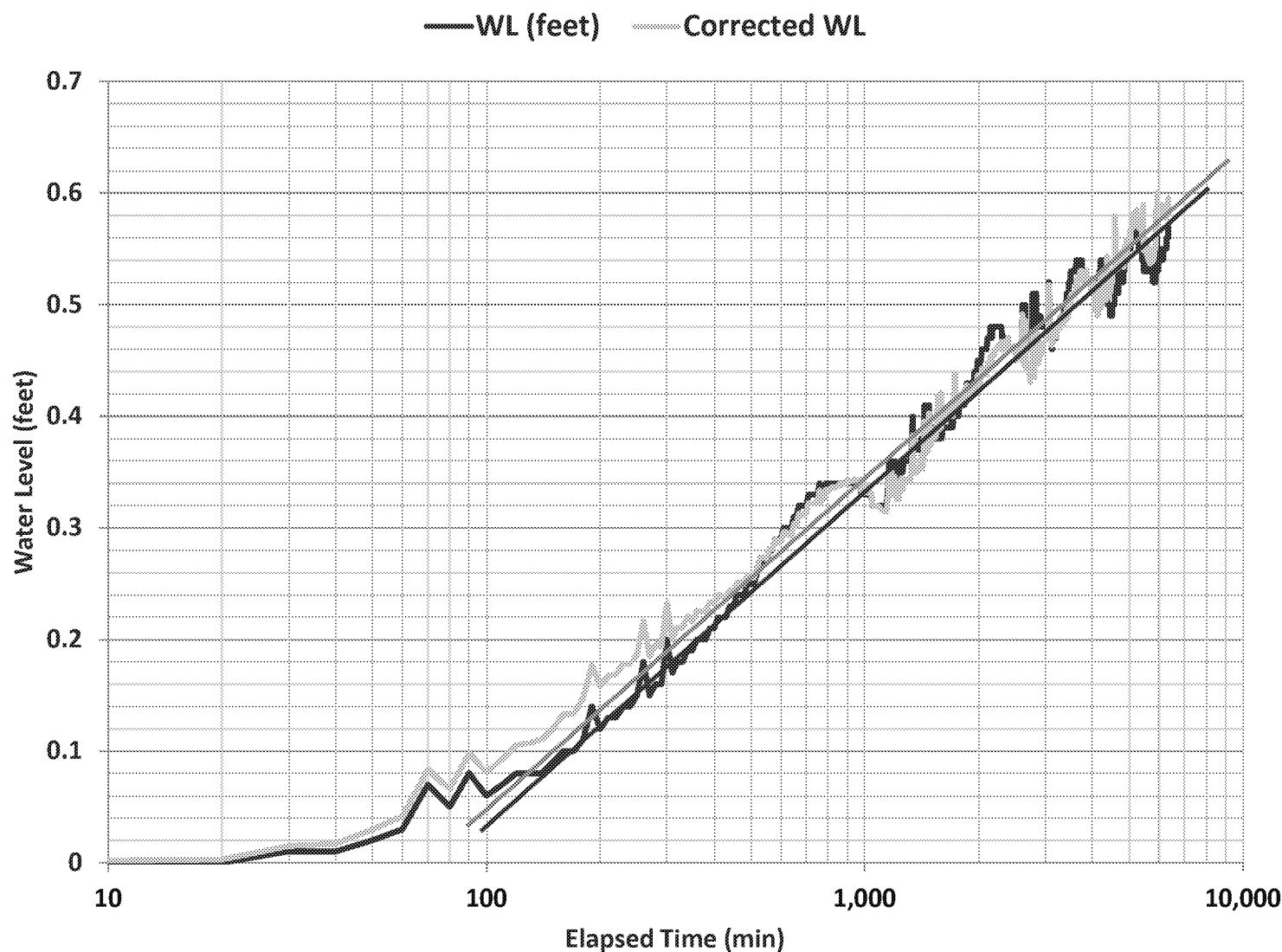
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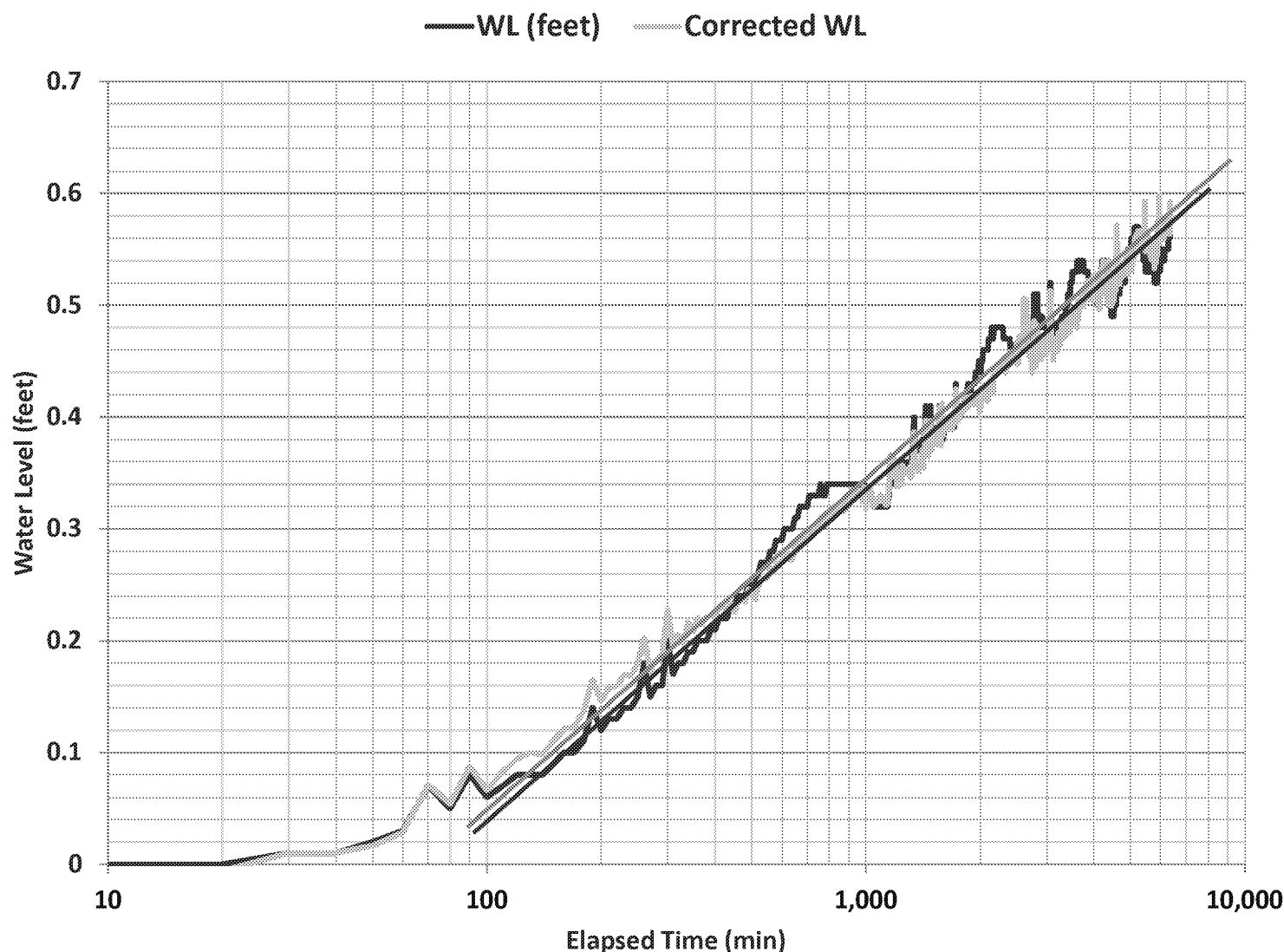
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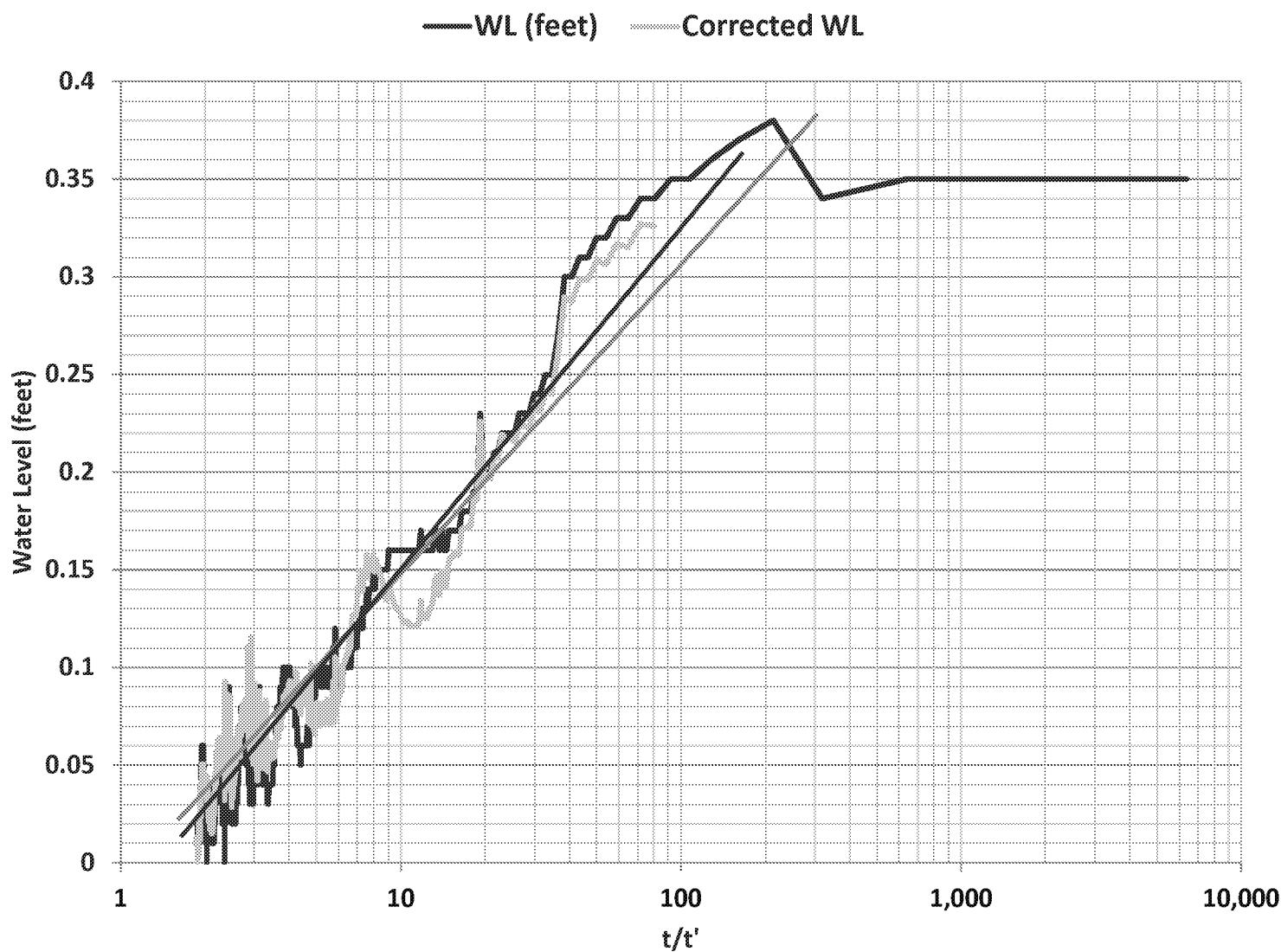
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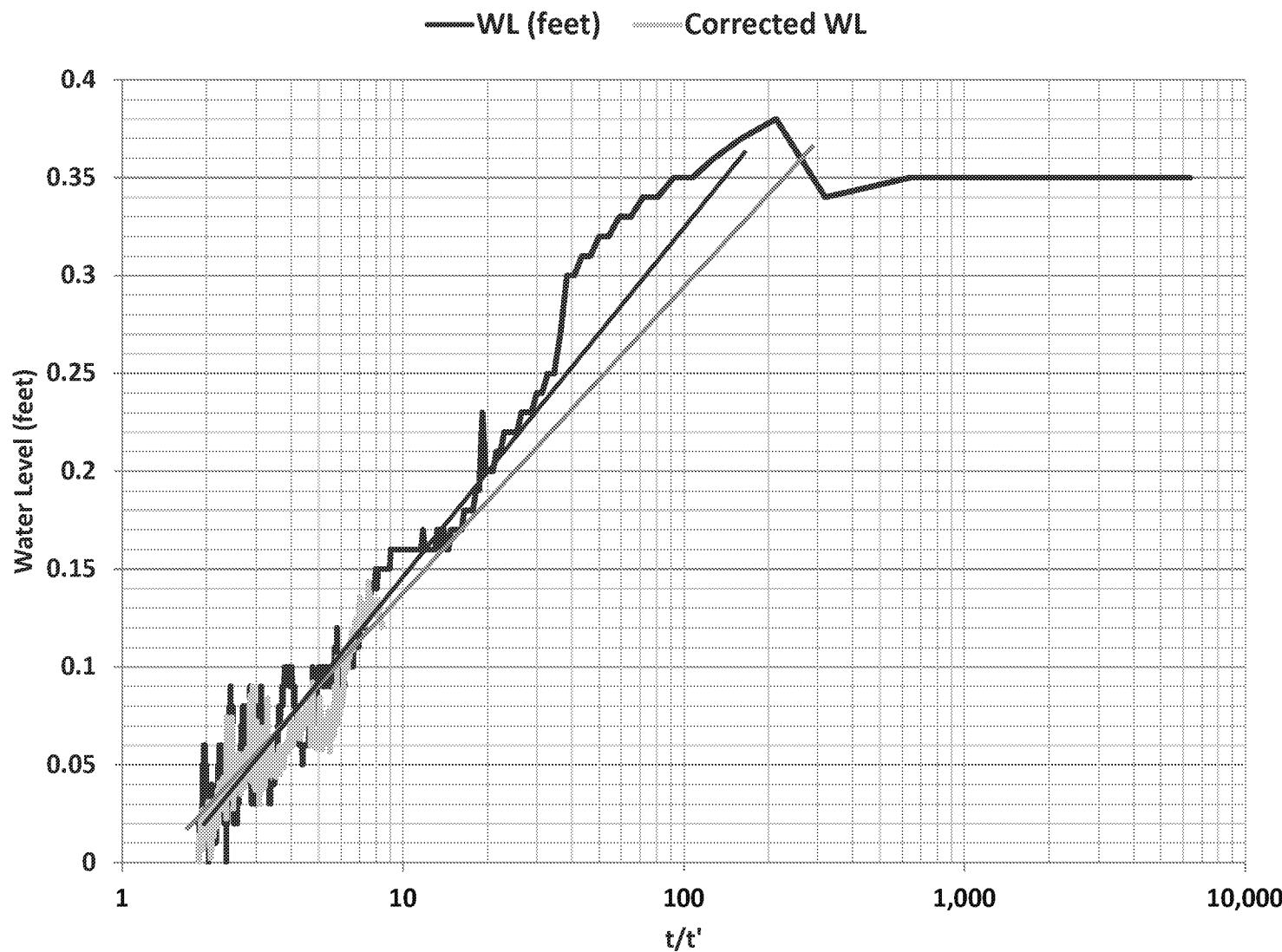
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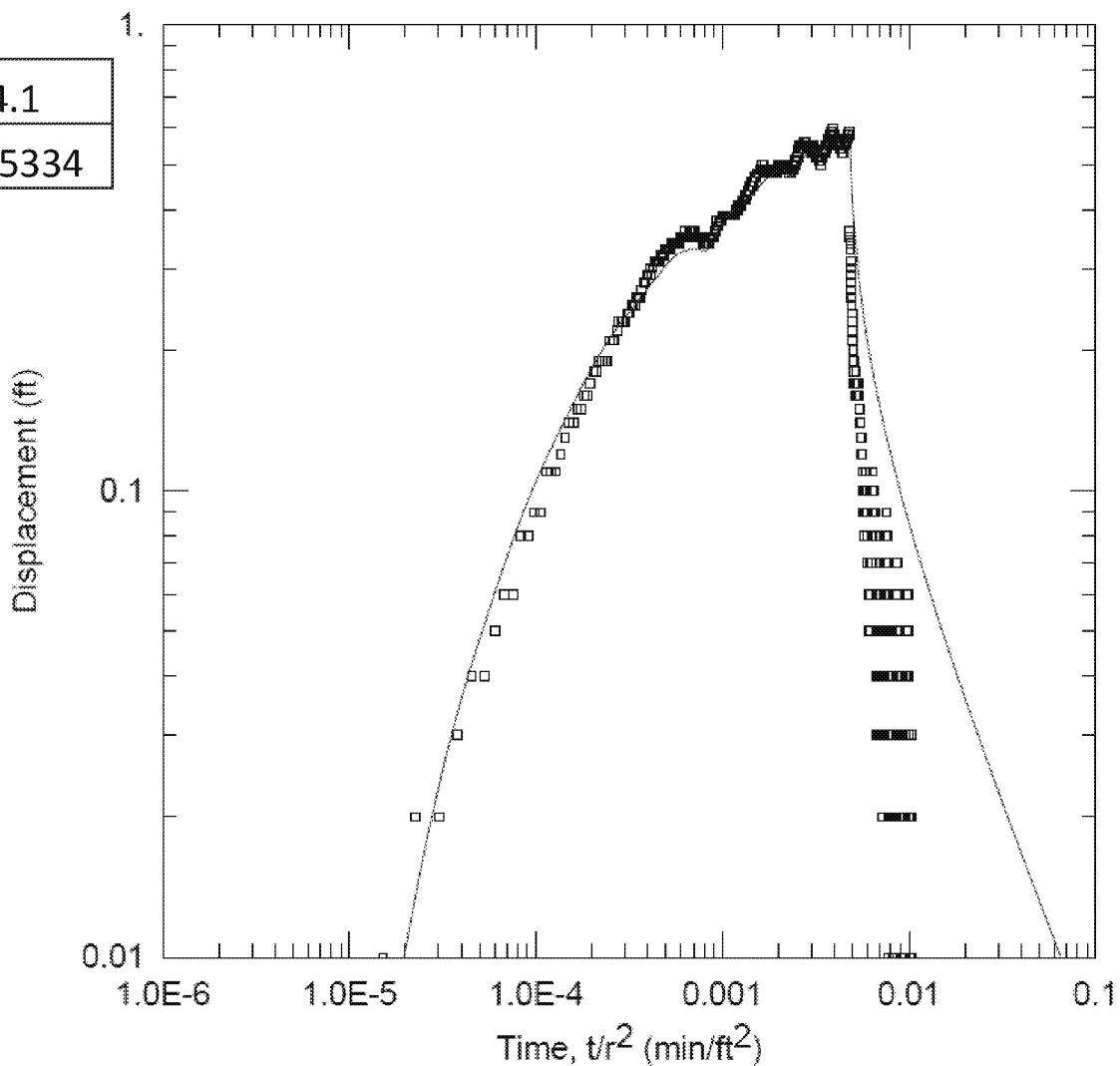


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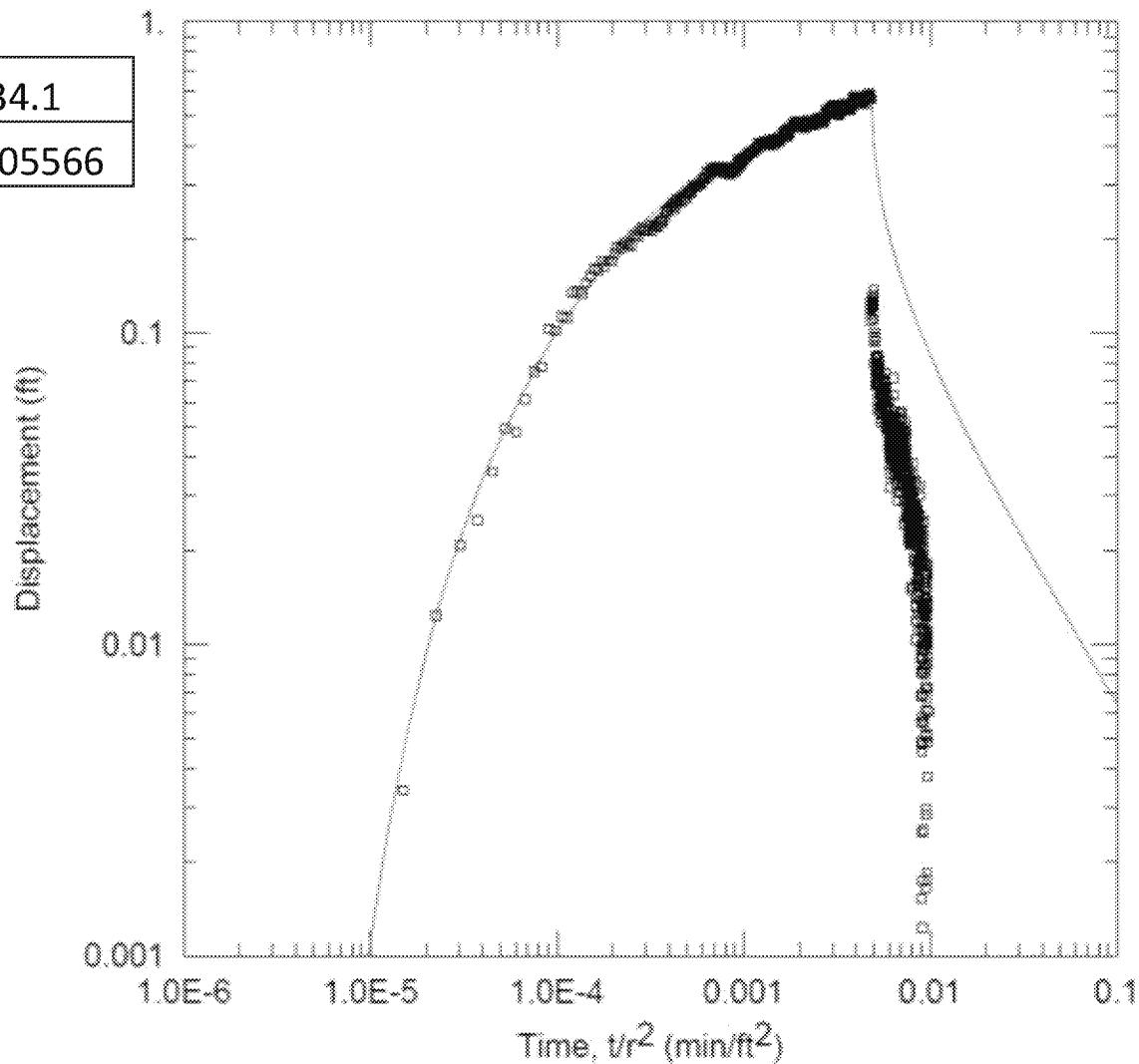
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Transmissivity (ft <sup>2</sup> /min)	434.1
Storativity	0.05334



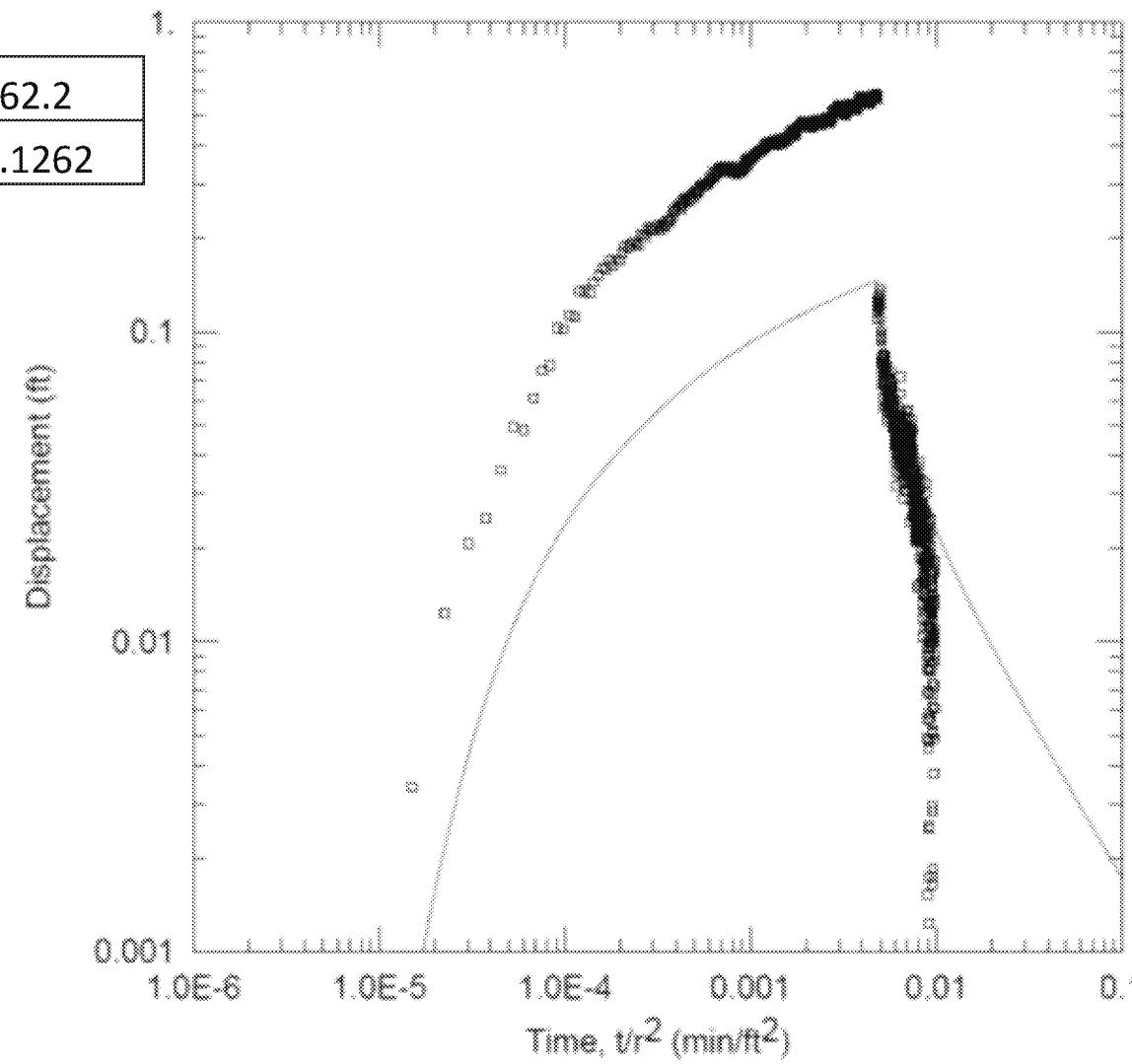
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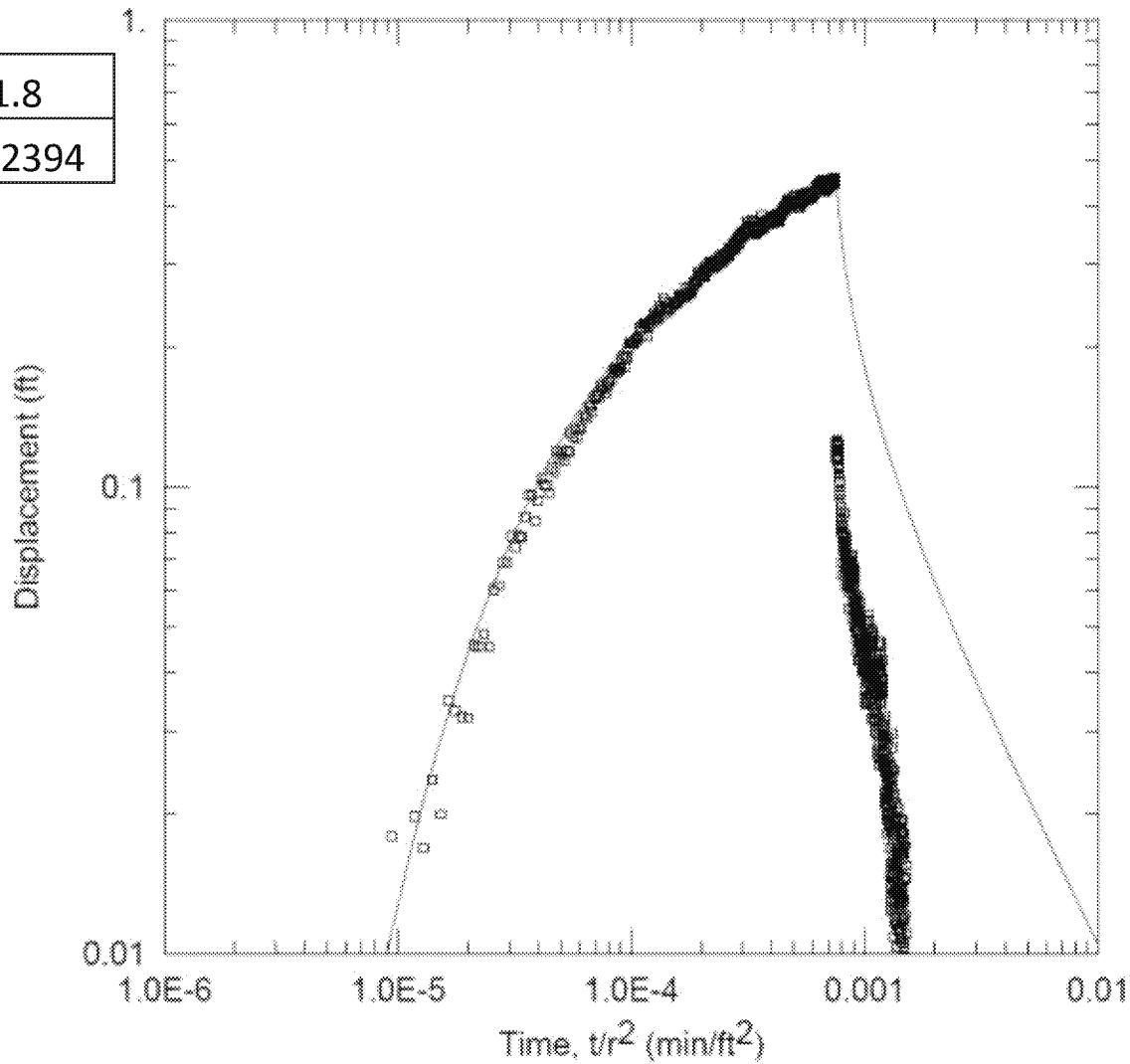
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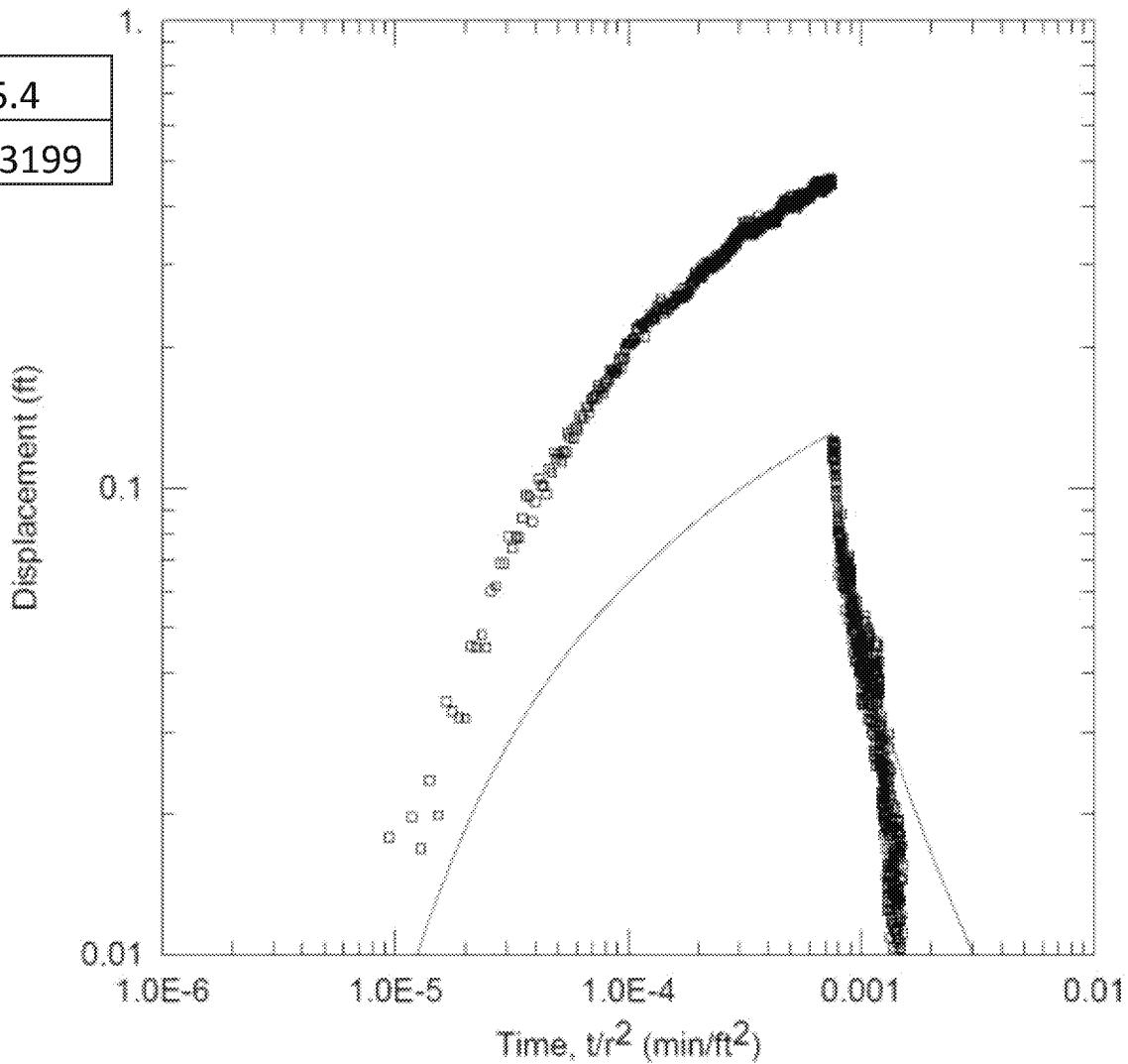
# SYNOPTIC STUDY DATA REVIEW: BP & TIDAL CORRECTIONS – THEIS RHMW03 DRAWDOWN

Transmissivity (ft <sup>2</sup> /min)	421.8
Storativity	0.02394



# SYNOPTIC STUDY DATA REVIEW: BP & TIDAL CORRECTIONS – THEIS RHMW03 RECOVERY

Transmissivity (ft <sup>2</sup> /min)	735.4
Storativity	0.03199



# **SYNOPTIC STUDY DATA REVIEW: PREVIOUS ANALYSES**

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- The following methods did not improve evaluation of the synoptic data, or allow better resolution of aquifer properties:
  - Barker (1988)
  - Dougherty-Babu (1984)
  - Moench (1997)
  - Neuman (1974)

# SYNOPTIC STUDY DATA REVIEW: CORRECTION COMPARISONS

	Cooper-Jacob				Theis			
	Drawdown		Recovery		Drawdown		Recovery	
	Effective Transmissivity (ft <sup>2</sup> /d)	Apparent Storativity	Effective Transmissivity (ft <sup>2</sup> /d)	Apparent Storativity	Effective Transmissivity (ft <sup>2</sup> /d)	Apparent Storativity	Effective Transmissivity (ft <sup>2</sup> /d)	Apparent Storativity
<b>Uncorrected</b>					<b>Uncorrected</b>			
Mean	891,000	0.04	520,000	0.03	725,000	0.04	--	--
Minimum	607,000	0.01	353,000	0.01	657,000	0.02	--	--
Maximum	2,350,000	0.17	631,000	0.13	795,000	0.09	--	--
<b>KGS Corrected - BP</b>					<b>Corrected</b>			
Mean	782,000	0.05	655,000	0.05	667,000	0.05	--	--
Minimum	409,000	0.02	402,000	0.01	585,000	0.02	--	--
Maximum	1,450,000	0.15	982,000	0.12	760,000	0.10	--	--
<b>KGS Corrected - BP &amp; Tidal</b>					<b>Corrected</b>			
Mean	829,000	0.06	633,000	0.05	651,000	0.06	1,030,000	0.08
Minimum	409,000	0.02	384,000	0.01	589,000	0.02	708,000	0.02
Maximum	1,340,000	0.16	803,000	0.13	750,000	0.19	1,260,000	0.38

\* Yellow boxes indicate where Theis was matched once for both drawdown and recovery, instead of two individual analyses.

# **SYNOPTIC STUDY DATA REVIEW: SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS**

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## **Summary:**

- **Additional evaluation of synoptic data was completed which considered:**
  - Barometric pressure influence on observed water level fluctuations
  - Tidal influence on observed water level fluctuations
- **Refined analyses resulted in only slight changes to derived aquifer properties**

## **Next Steps:**

- **Re-analyze anisotropic solutions with refined synoptic data interpretations**
  - Mutch (2005)
  - Hantush and Thomas (1966)
- **Repeat analysis for Halawa Shaft pumping**

# **CSM UPDATE – HYDROGEOLOGY CONSIDERATIONS: TRANSFER FUNCTION-NOISE (TFN) ANALYSIS**

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# **TFN ANALYSIS: OBJECTIVES**

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- **Support development of groundwater models by**
  - Developing data for calibration of groundwater model
  - Independent validation of groundwater model predictions
  - Estimation of equivalent aquifer hydraulic properties
  - Evaluation of aquifer anisotropy

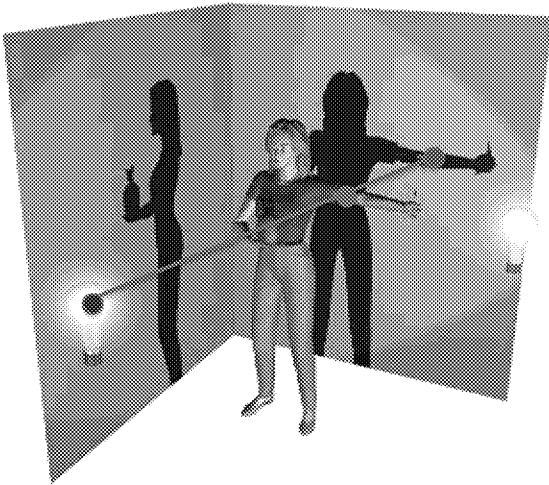
# **TFN ANALYSIS: VALUE OF TFN ANALYSIS**

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- **The TFN Analysis provides:**

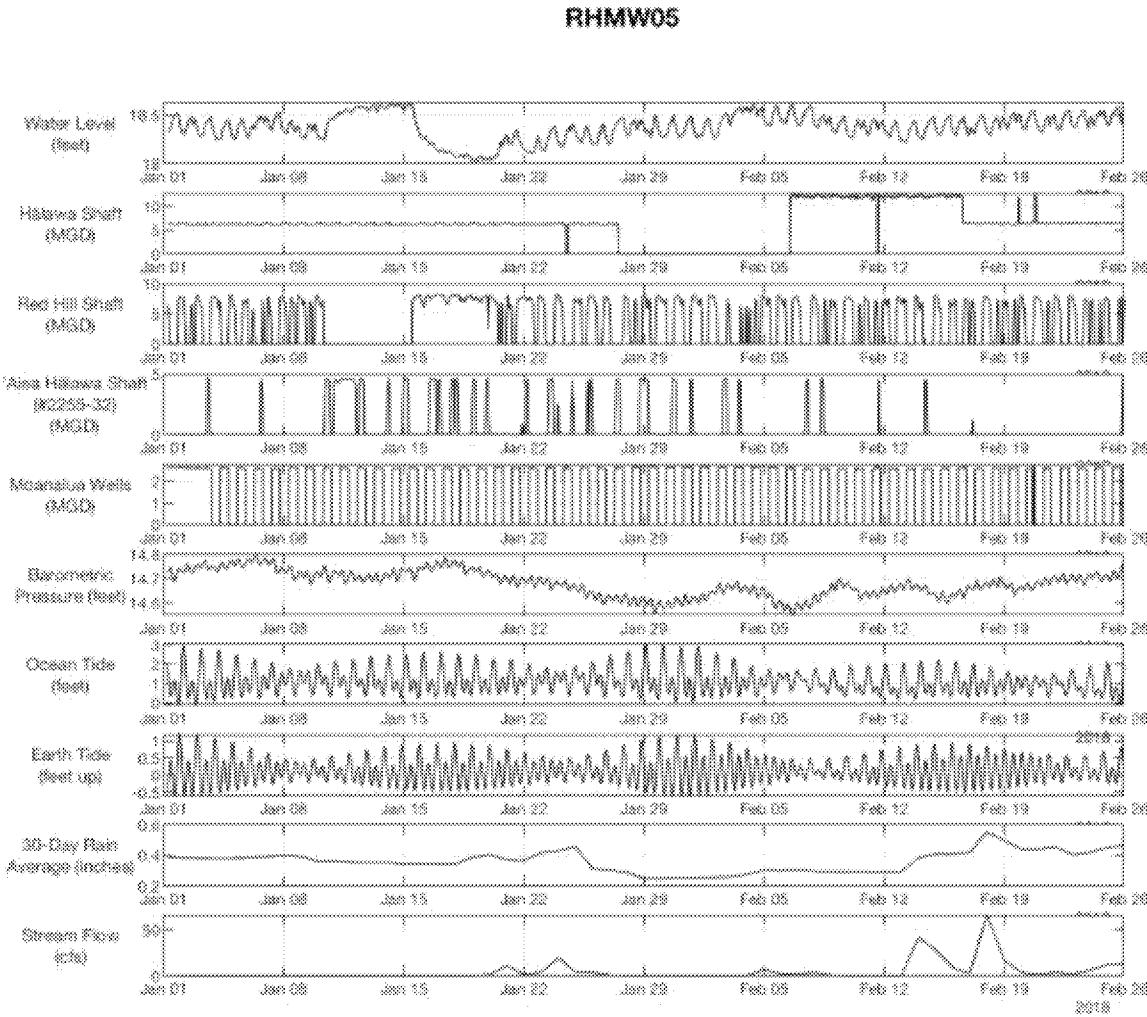
- Understanding of impacts of individual known stresses (e.g., Red Hill Shaft and Halawa Shaft pumping, barometric, and tidal) on water levels at individual wells
- Magnitude of the unexplained water level variations
- Targeted information (water level responses to unit pumping at individual shafts) for calibration and evaluation of the numerical groundwater flow model
- Estimates of equivalent transmissivity (between each pair of pumping shaft and observation well) indicating heterogeneity, anisotropy and parameter ranges
- Estimates of equivalent anisotropy ratio and direction (for each pumping shaft)

# TFN ANALYSIS: SYNOPTIC WATER LEVEL DATA



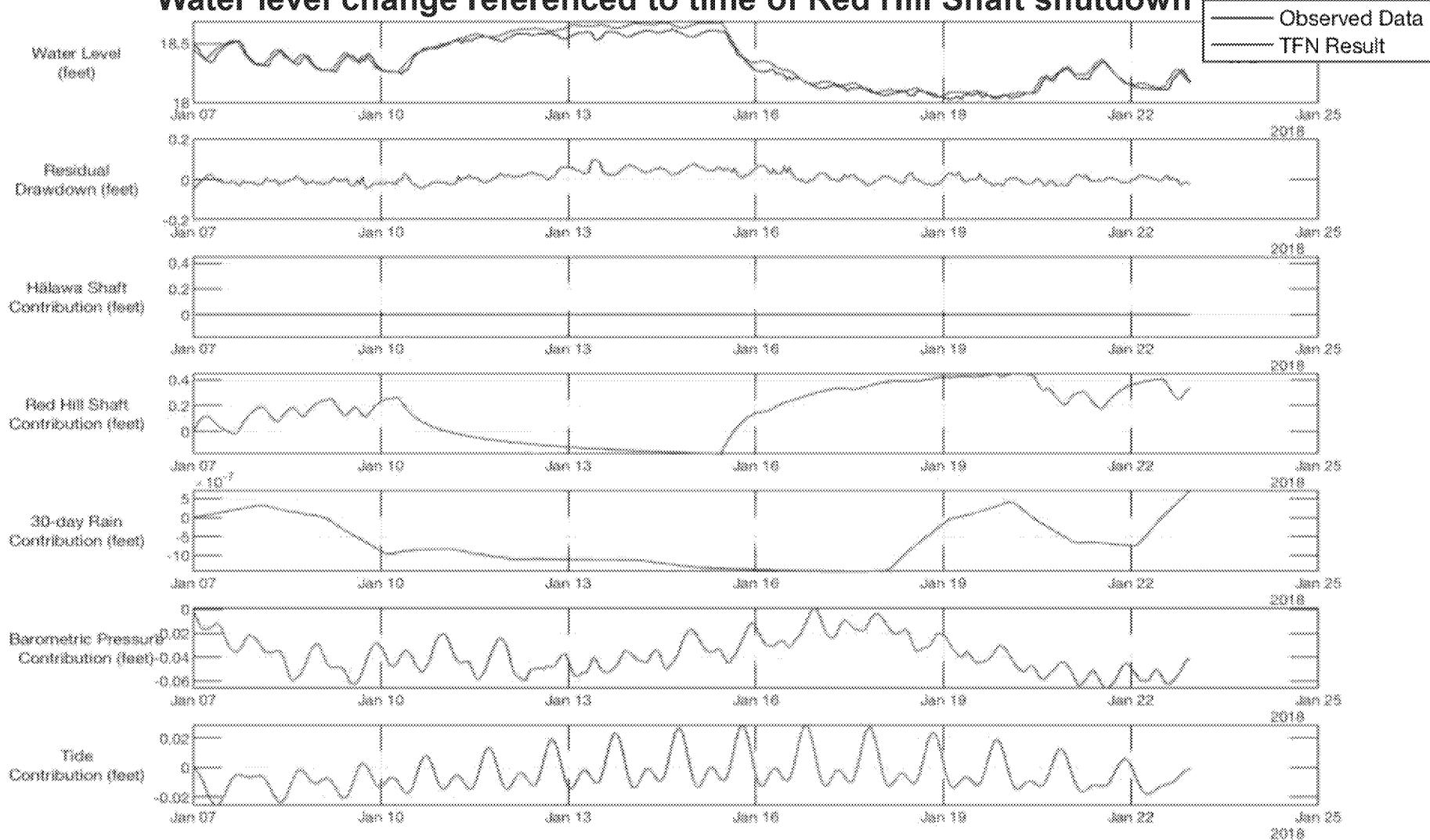
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- Multiple sources and multiple observations
- Analogous to recording videos from different angles with known and unknown light sources flickering at different frequencies, durations, and intensities.

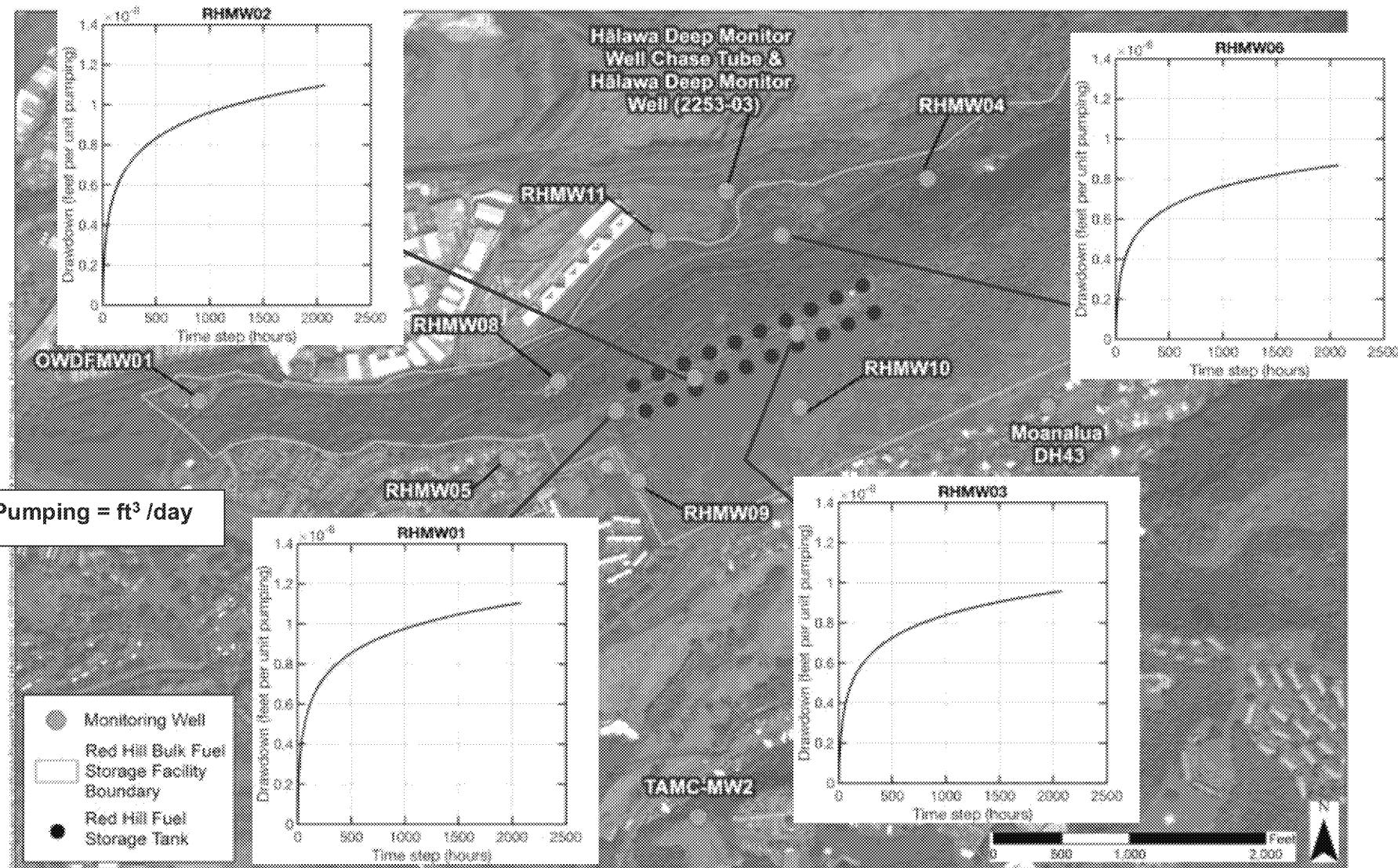


# TFN ANALYSIS: ESTIMATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL SOURCES TO WATER LEVEL CHANGE – RHMW05

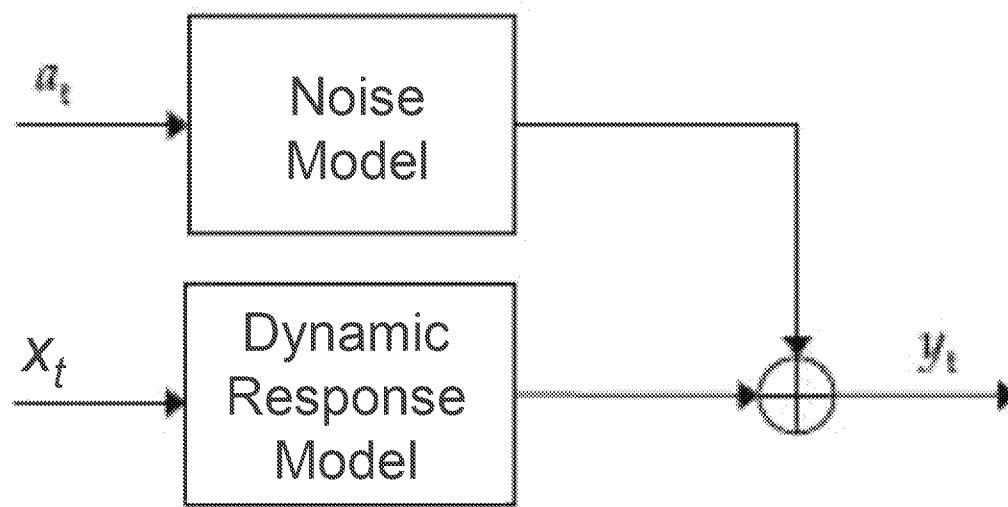
## Water level change referenced to time of Red Hill Shaft shutdown



# TFN ANALYSIS: ESTIMATION OF STEP RESPONSE FUNCTIONS FOR GROUNDWATER MODEL CALIBRATION (RED HILL SHAFT PUMPING)



# **TFN MODEL WITH SINGLE INPUT SOURCE**



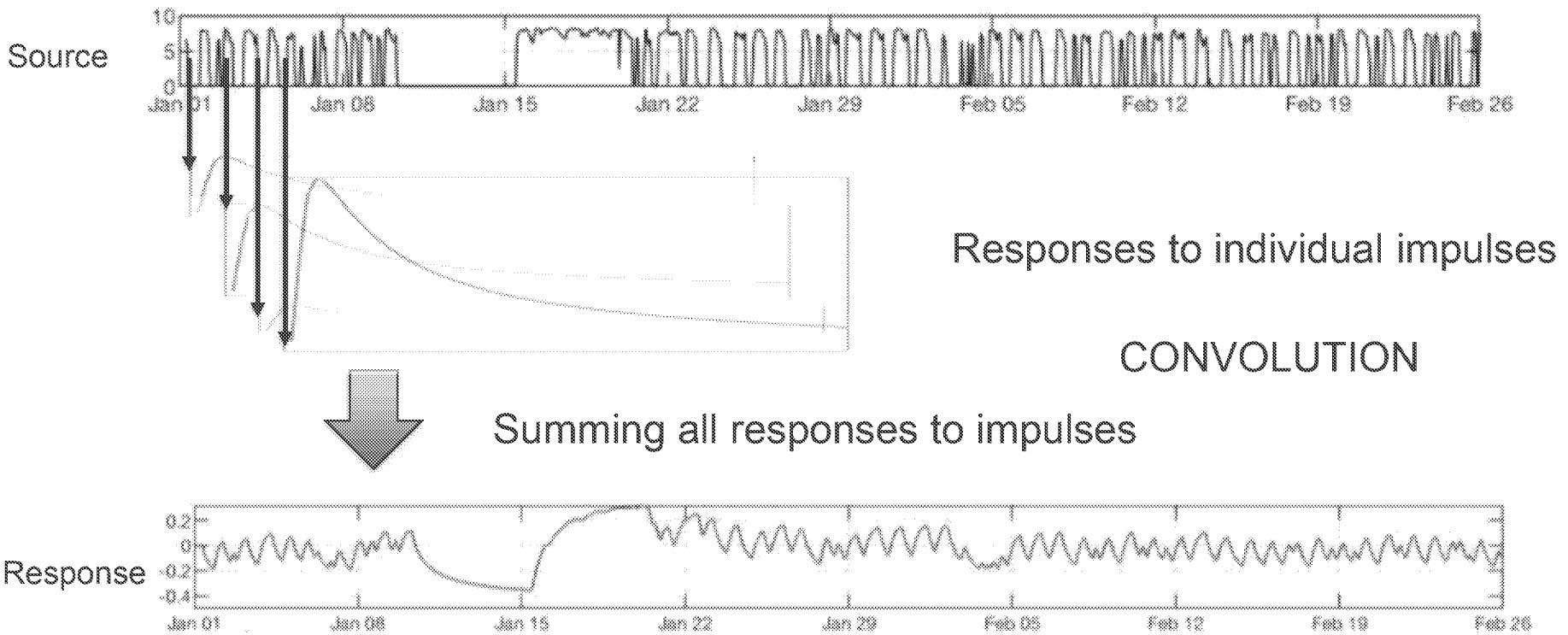
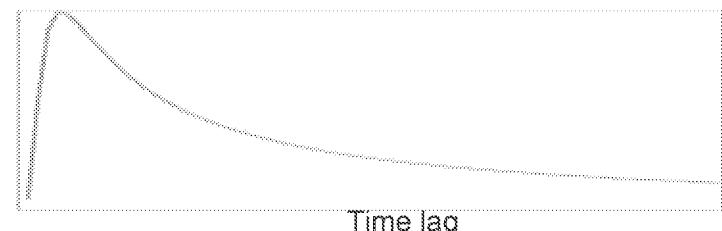
Output = dynamic component + noise

# TFN ANALYSIS: DISCRETE TRANSFER FUNCTION

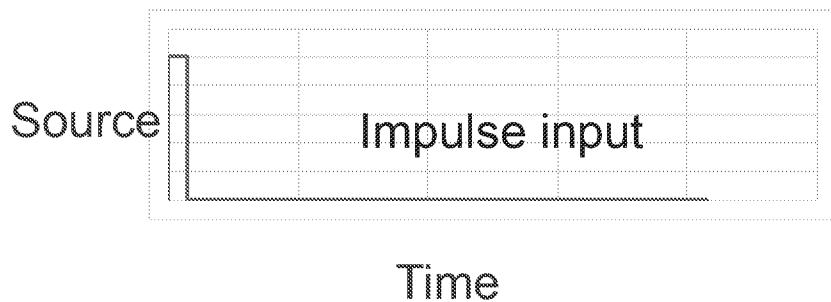
Unit impulse response function as transfer function

$$\begin{aligned}y_t &= v_0x_t + v_1x_{t-1} + v_2x_{t-2} + \dots \\&= v(B)x_t \\&\text{where } v(B) = v_0 + v_1B + v_2B^2\end{aligned}$$

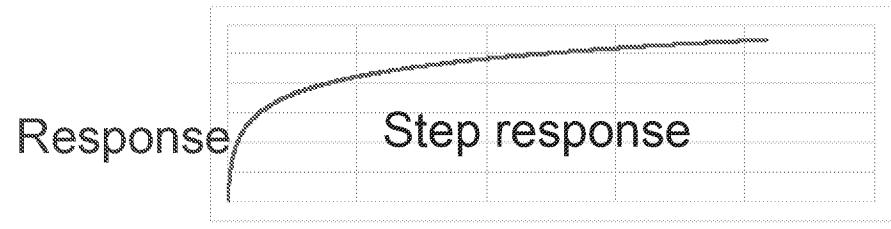
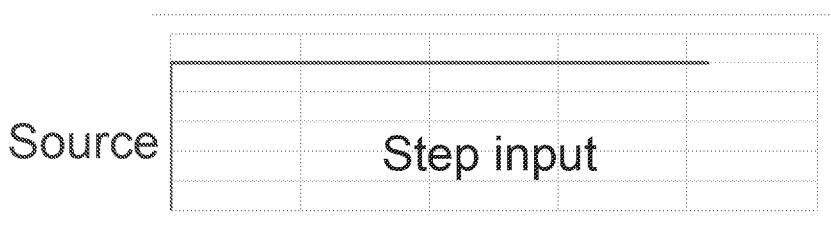
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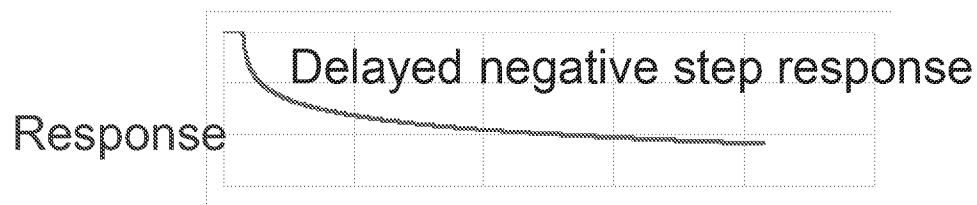
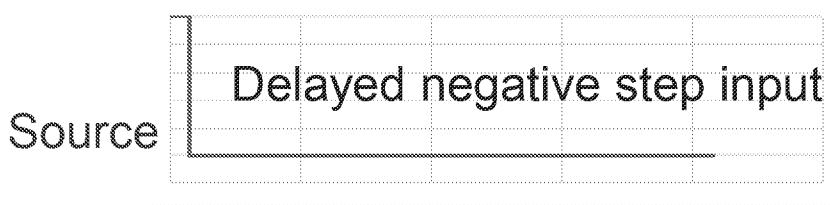
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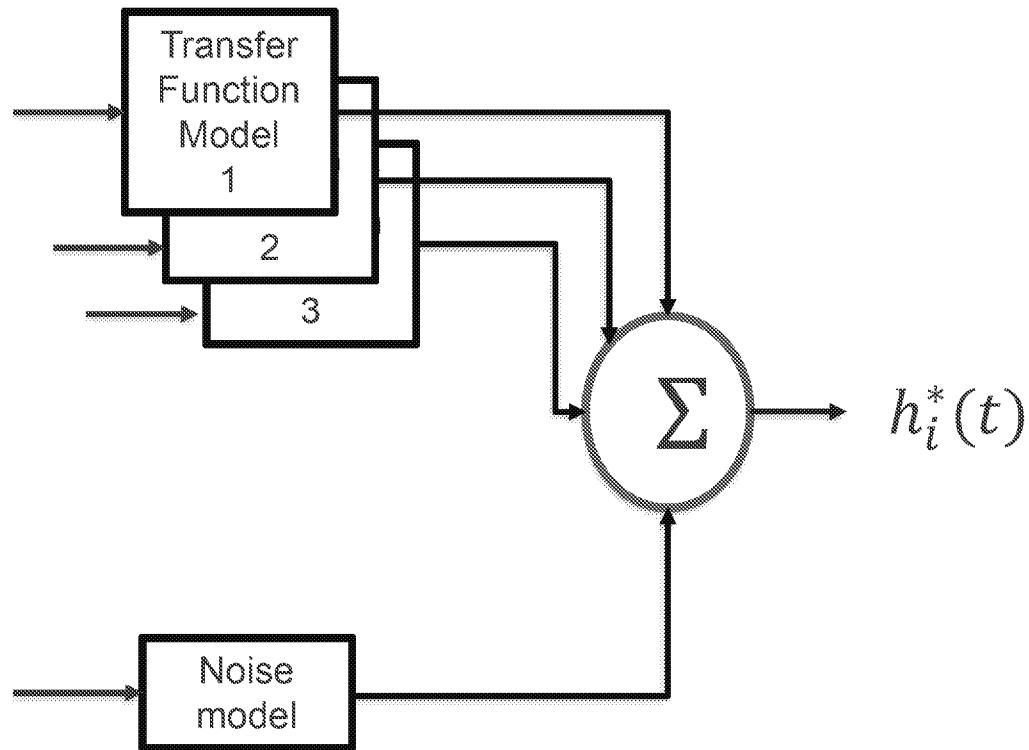


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# TFN ANALYSIS: TFN MODEL WITH MULTIPLE INPUT SOURCES

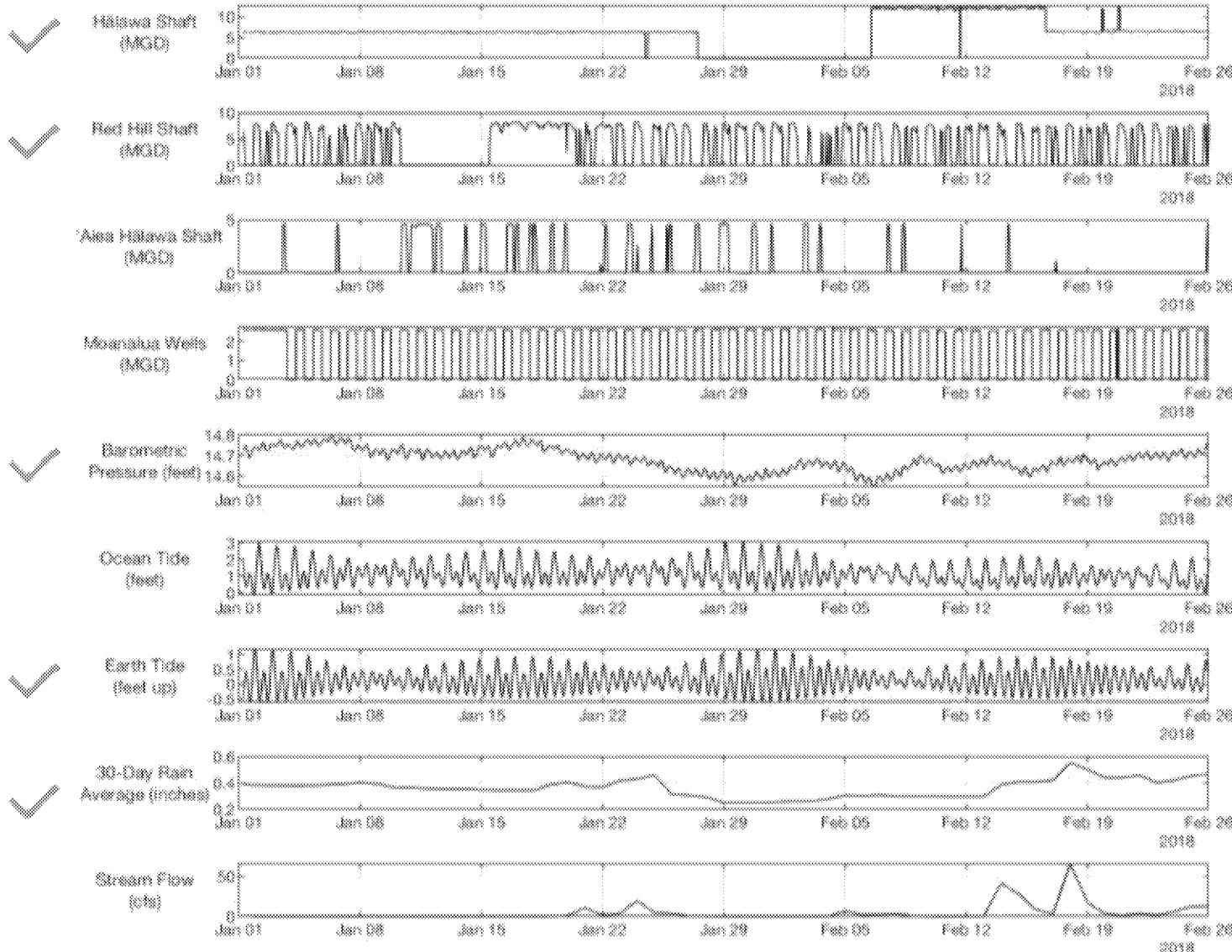
- Red Hill Shaft
- Halawa Shaft
- Barometric
- Earth tide
- 30-day averaged rainfall



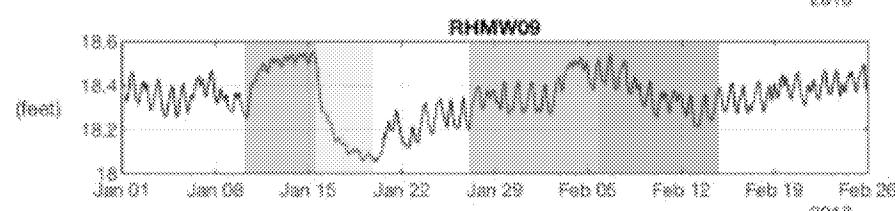
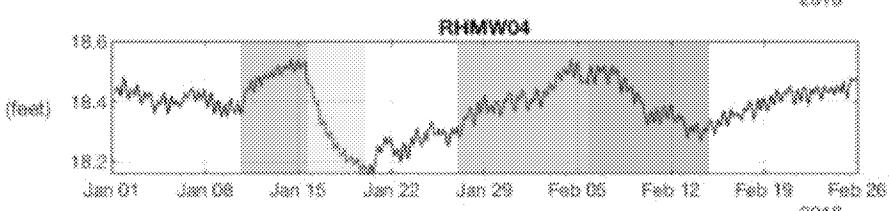
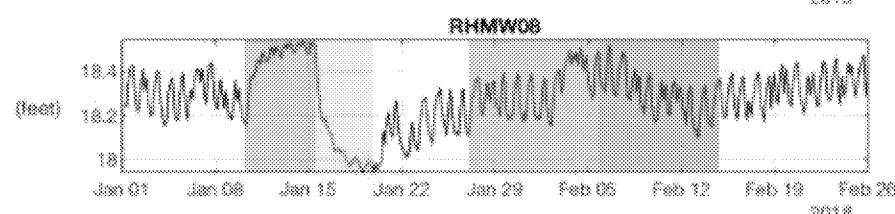
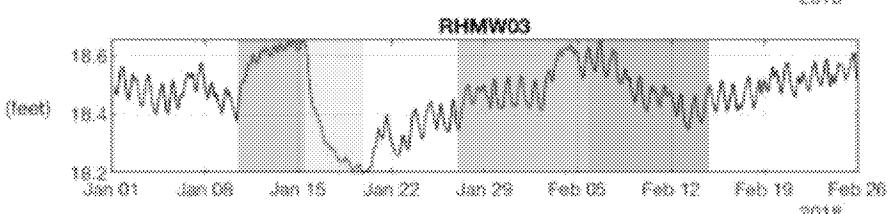
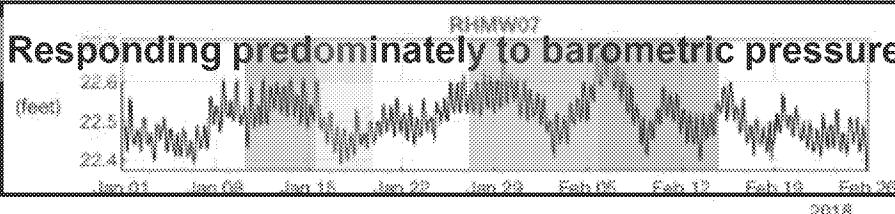
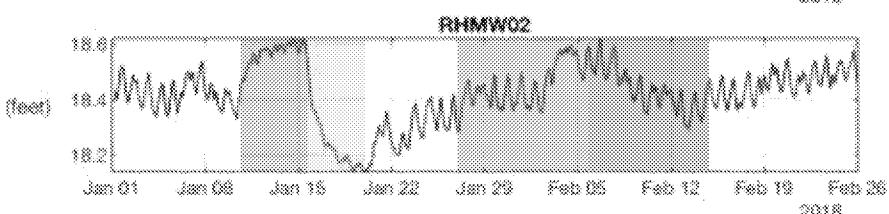
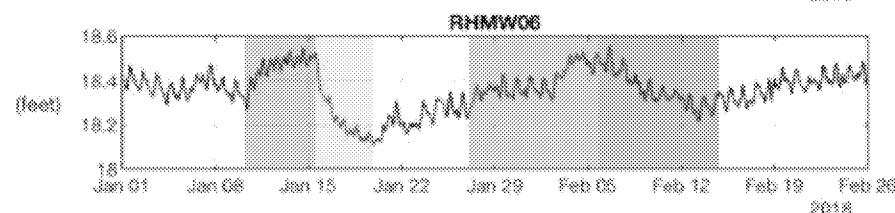
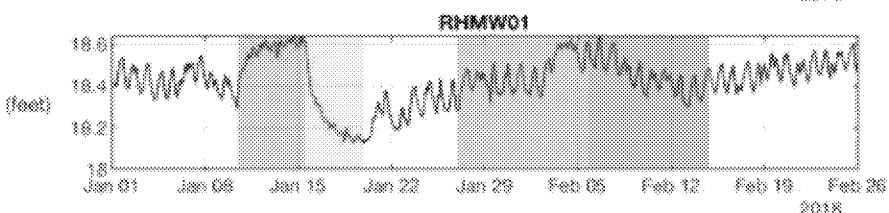
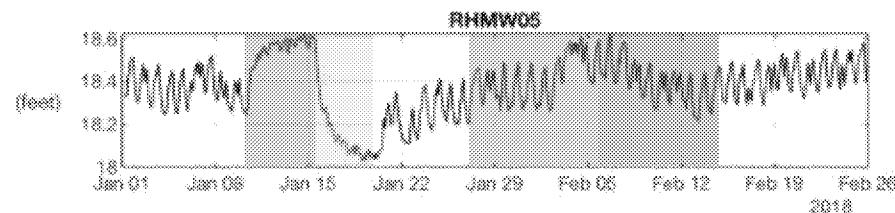
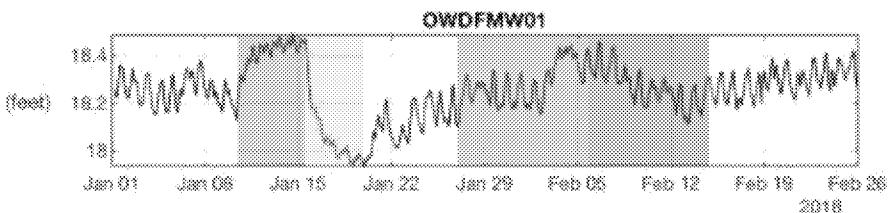
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$$f(k, x, t) = \sum_{i=1}^l v_i(B)(x_{ti} - \mu_{ti})$$

# TFN ANALYSIS: SOURCES INCLUDED IN TFN ANALYSIS



# TFN ANALYSIS: WELLS RESPONDING TO RED HILL SHAFT SHUTDOWN



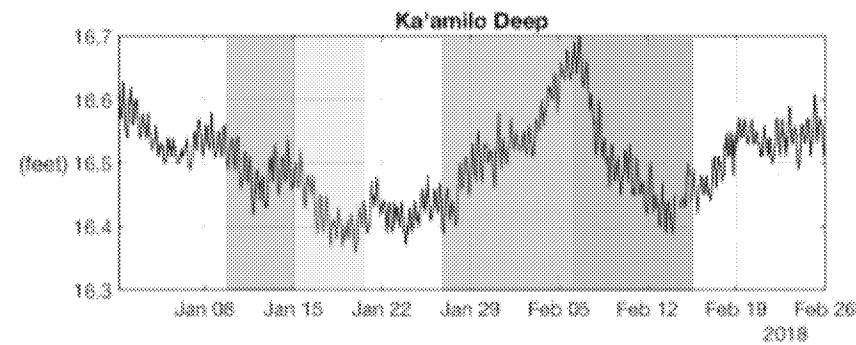
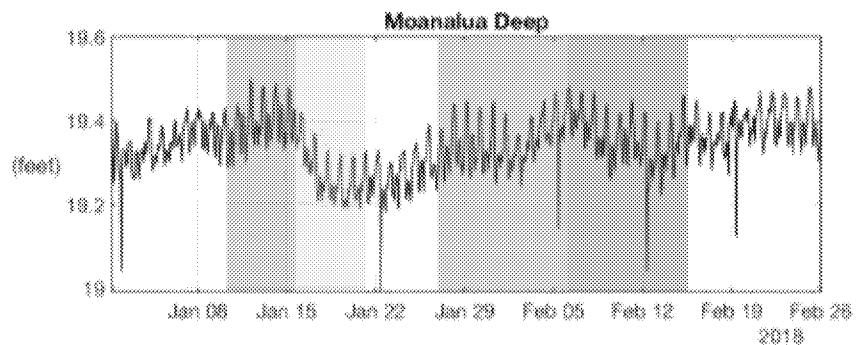
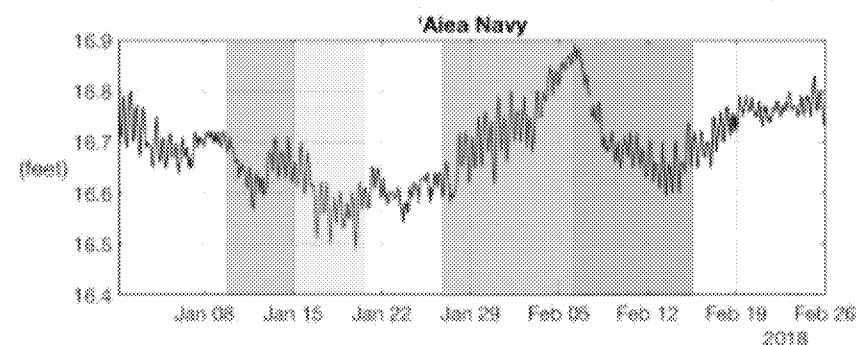
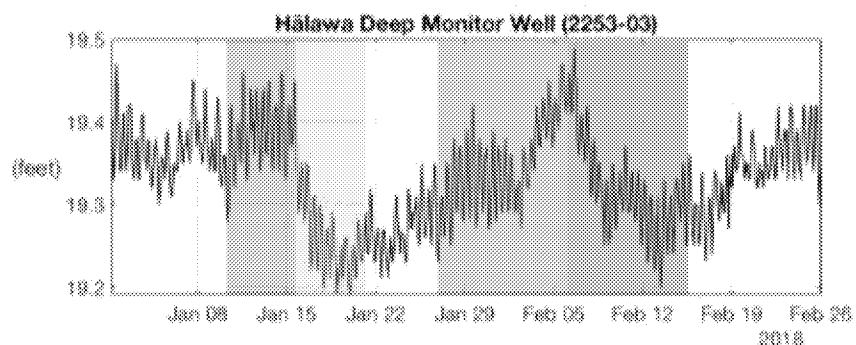
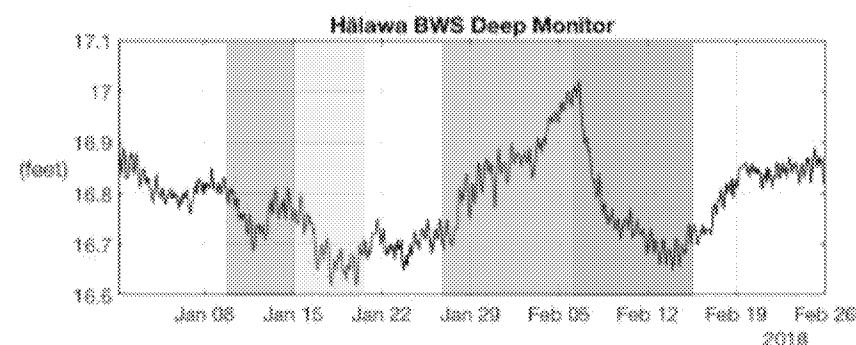
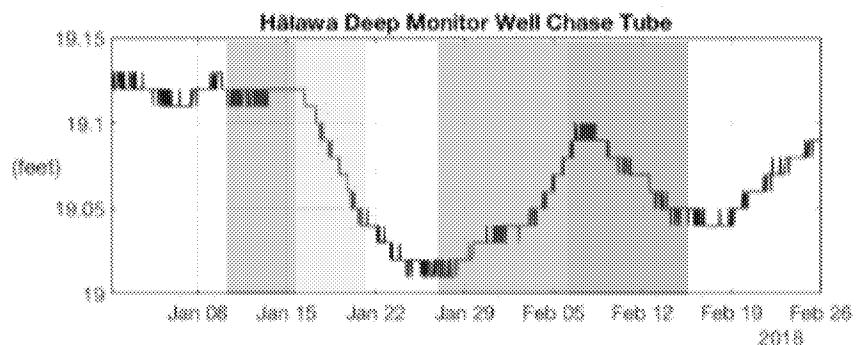
Red Hill Shaft Off

Red Hill Shaft On,  
Max Pumping

Halawa Shaft Off

Halawa Shaft On,  
Max Pumping

**TFN ANALYSIS:  
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RED HILL SHAFT SHUTDOWN**



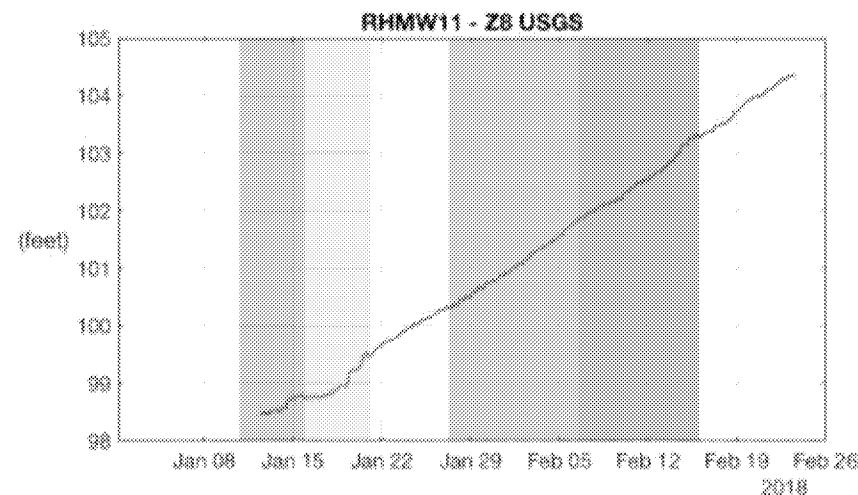
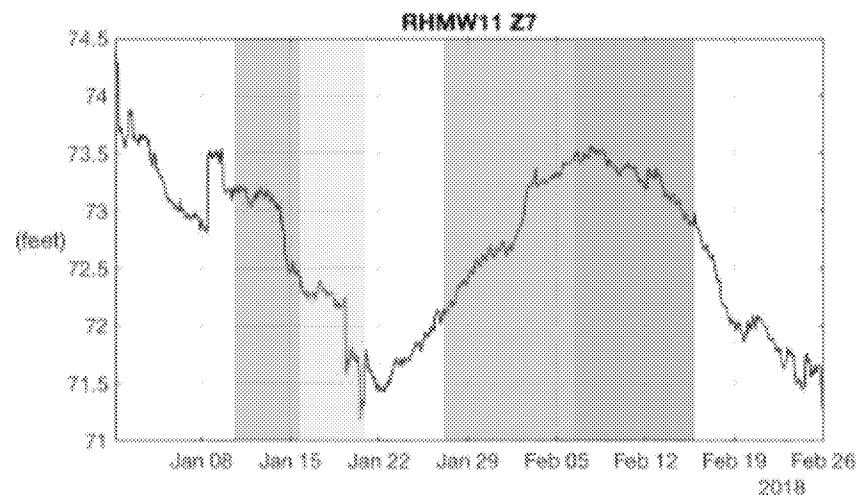
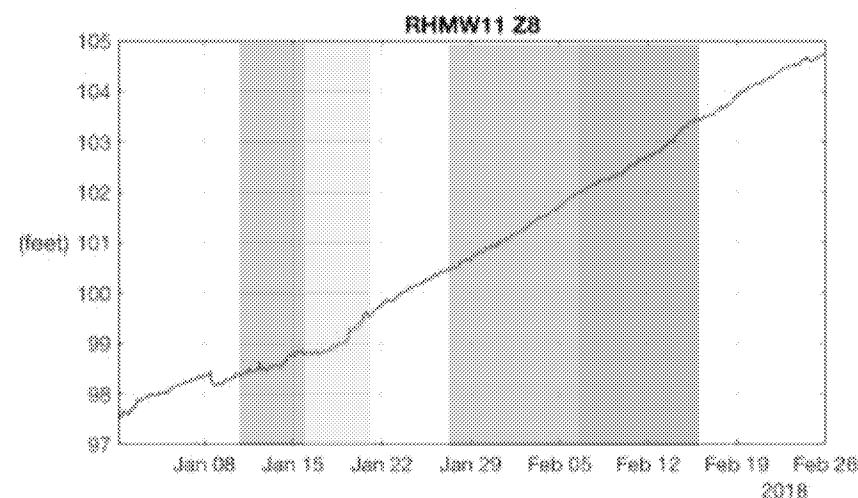
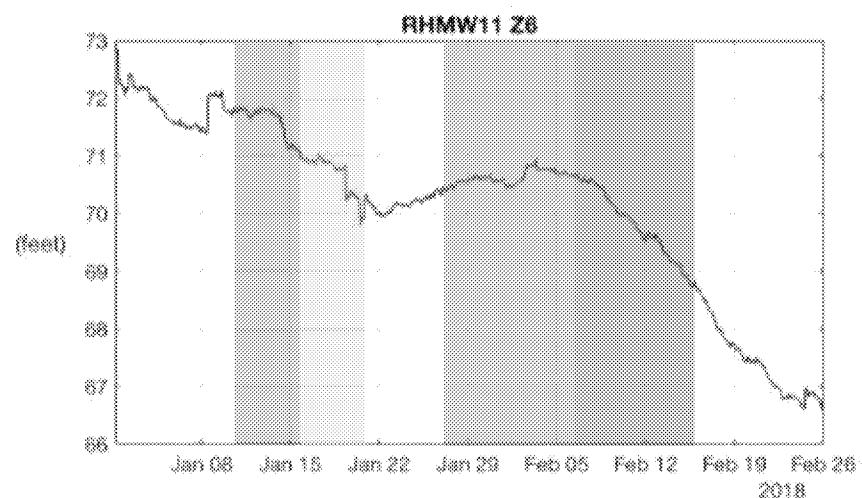
Red Hill Shaft Off

Red Hill Shaft On,  
Max Pumping

Halawa Shaft Off

Halawa Shaft On,  
Max Pumping

**TFN ANALYSIS:  
WELLS NOT RESPONDING TO  
RED HILL SHAFT SHUTDOWN**



■ Red Hill Shaft Off

■ Red Hill Shaft On,  
Max Pumping

■ Halawa Shaft Off

■ Halawa Shaft On,  
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# TFN ANALYSIS: LOCATION OF RAIN GAUGES



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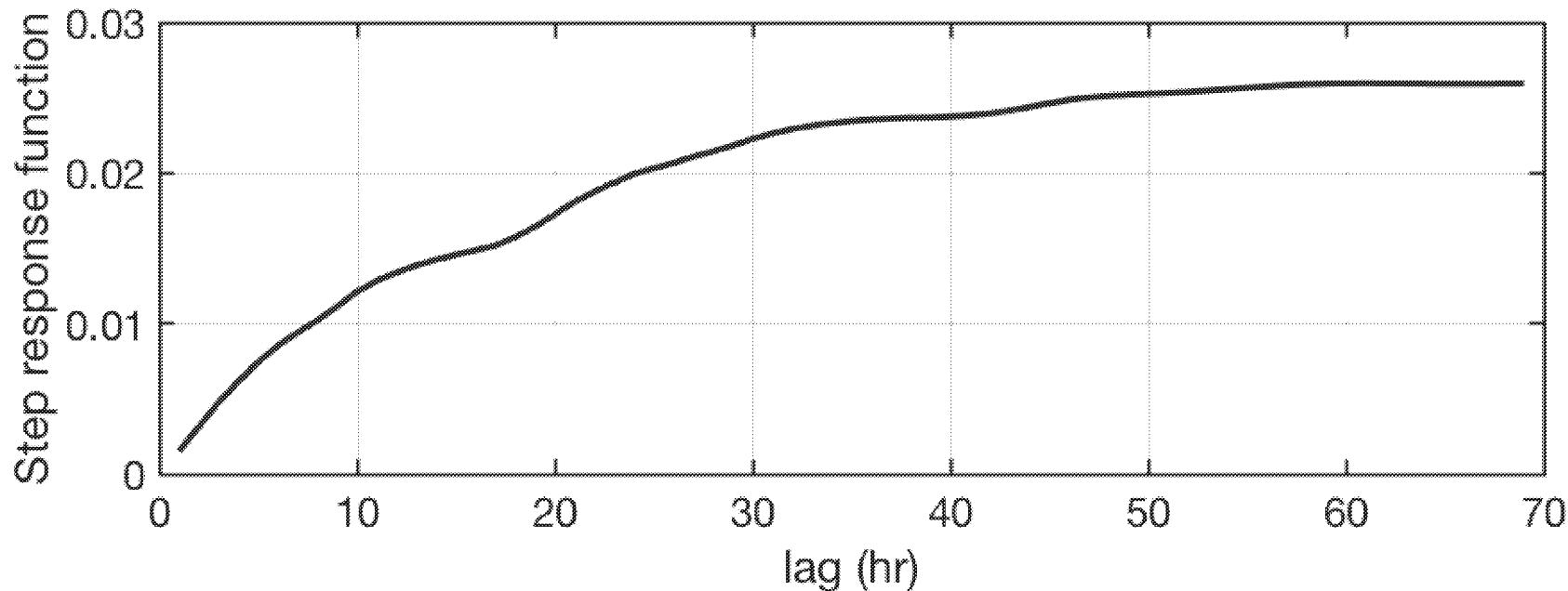
# **IMPLEMENTATION OF TFN ANALYSIS**

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- **Implementation variations:**
  - TF due to barometric, tidal, and rainfall – different empirical forms
  - Inclusion of various non-pumping sources
  - Optimization period – total versus sequential
  - TF due to pumping – empirical, Hantush, Theis, Ttim
  - Residual noise vs. white noise

## TFN ANALYSIS:

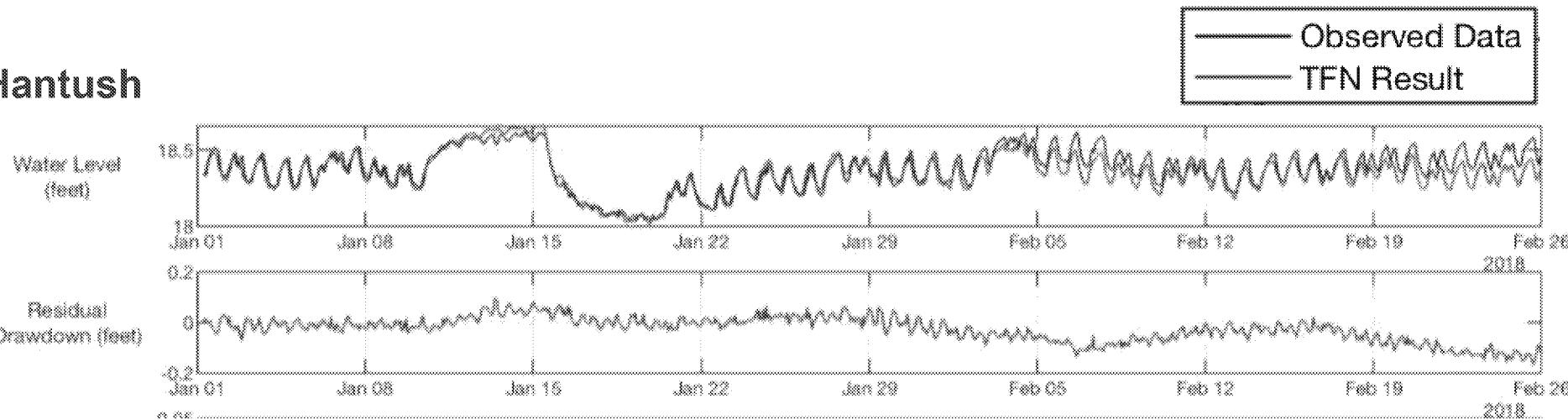
# EXAMPLE EMPIRICAL STEP FUNCTION RESPONSE



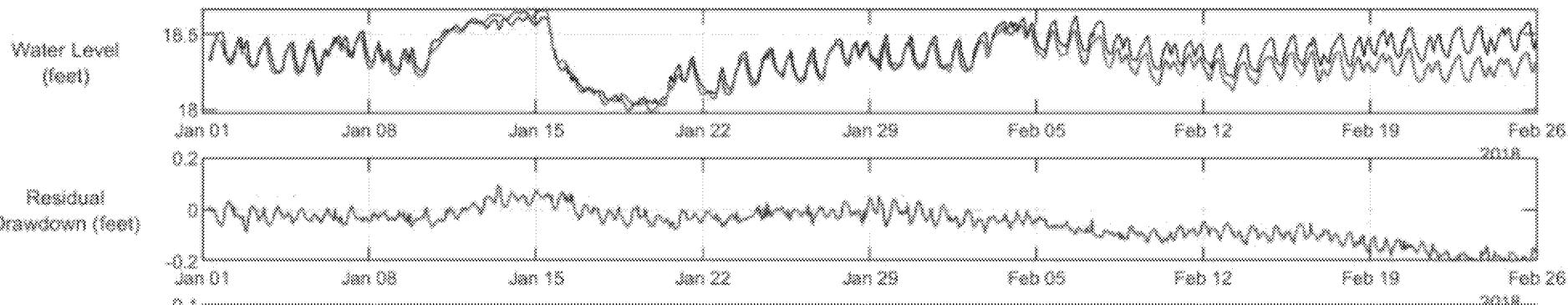
Resembles Hantush leaky aquifer solution

# TFN ANALYSIS: HANTUSH VS. THEIS STEP RESPONSE FUNCTIONS

## Hantush



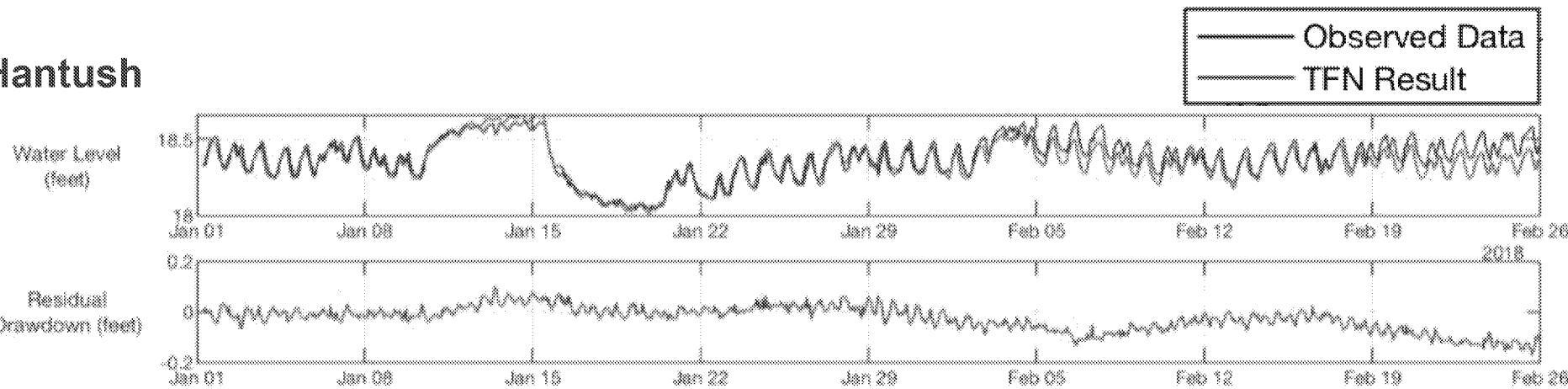
## Theis



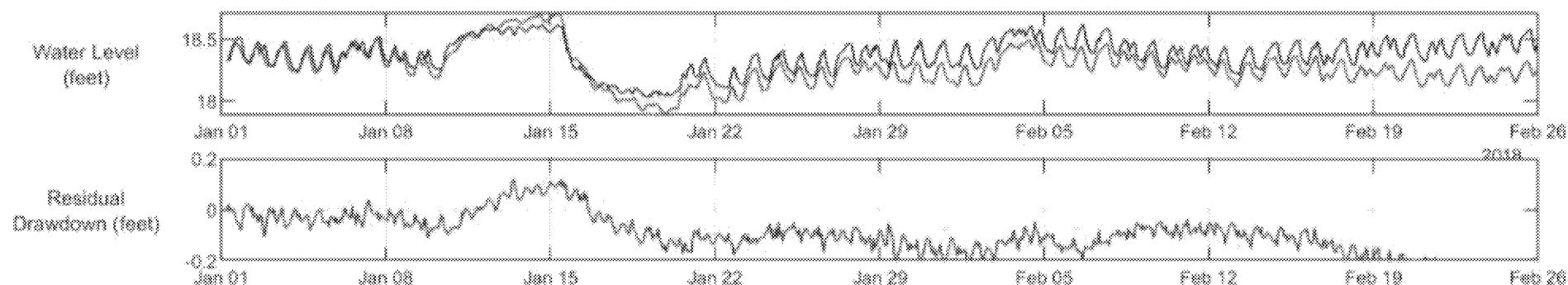
Using Hantush step response function results in slightly better matching than Theis

# TFN ANALYSIS: HANTUSH VS. TTIM STEP RESPONSE FUNCTIONS

## Hantush



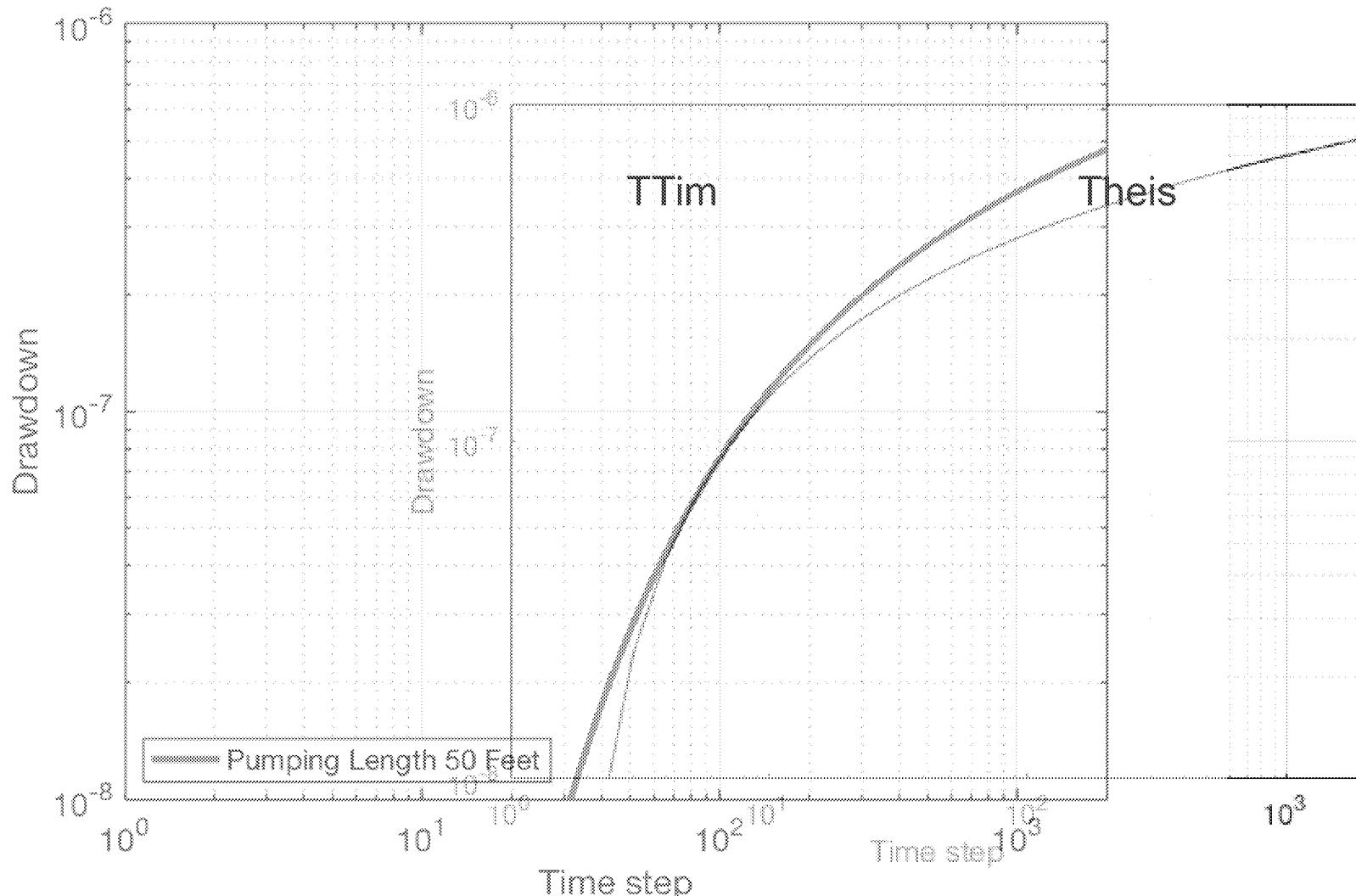
## Ttim



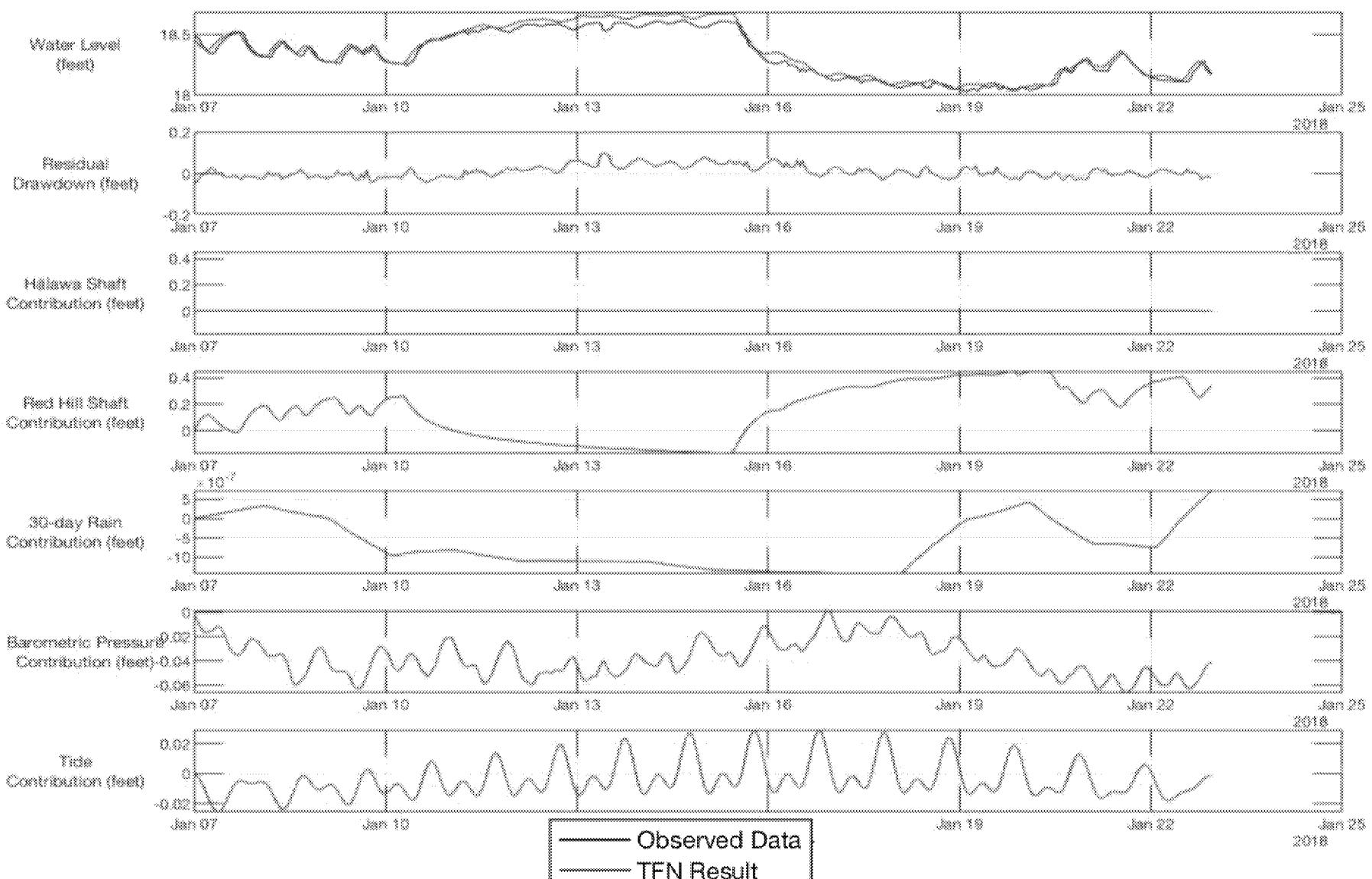
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# TFN ANALYSIS: COMPARISON OF TTIM AND THEIS STEP RESPONSE FUNCTIONS

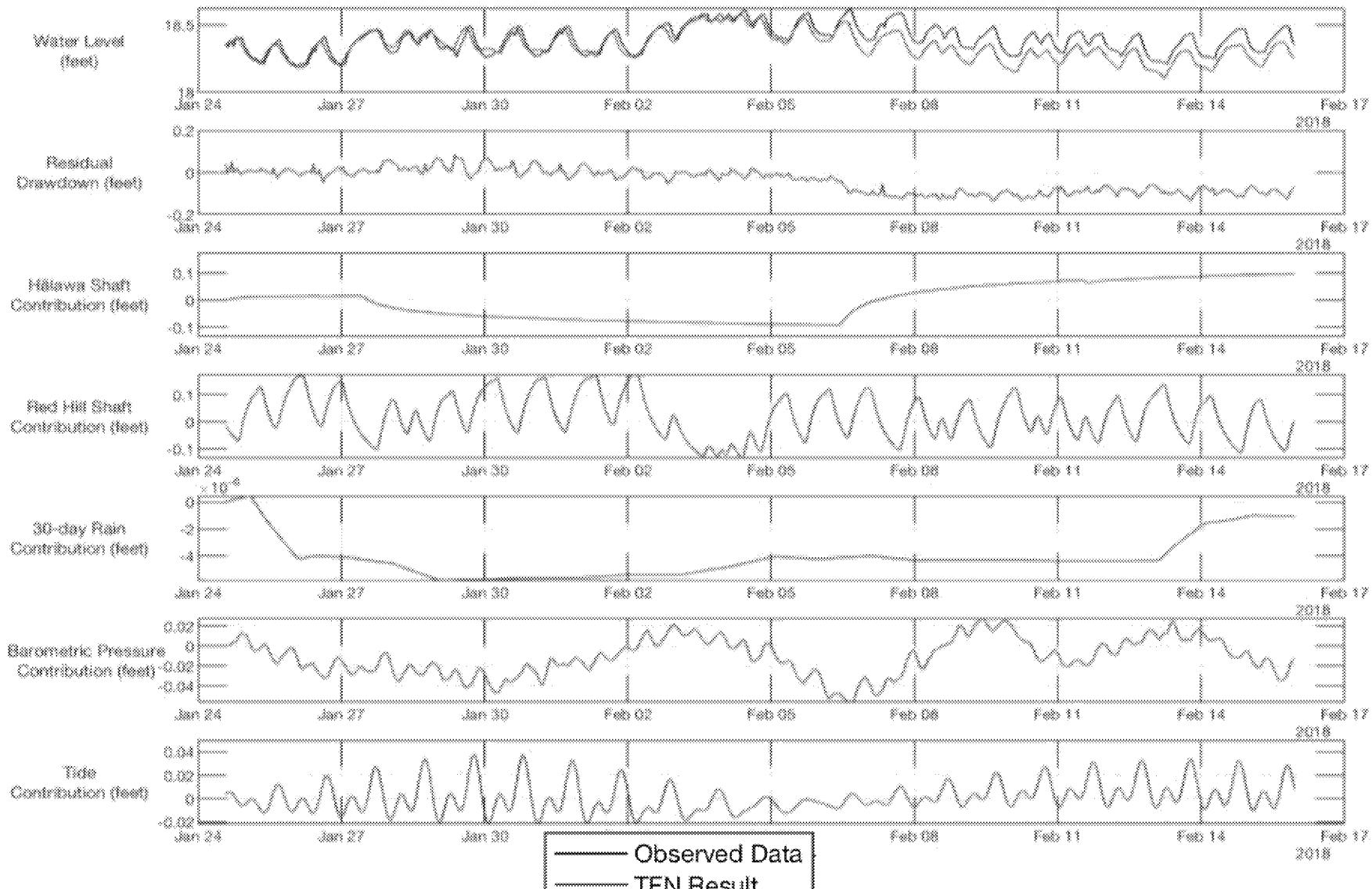
Ttim step response function shows less abrupt curvature than Theis



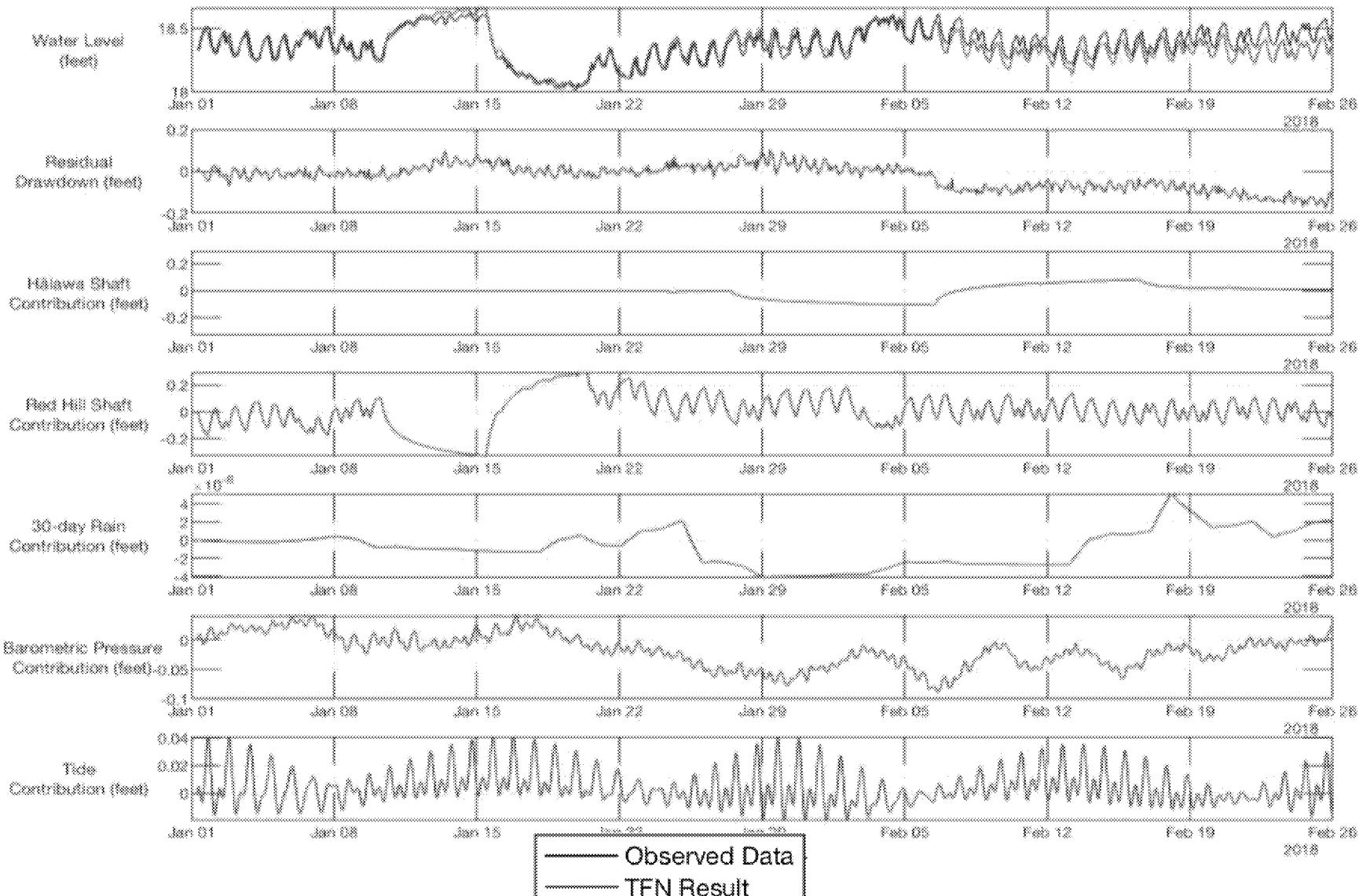
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RESULTS FOR RHMW05 –  
RED HILL SHAFT SHUTDOWN & RESTART**



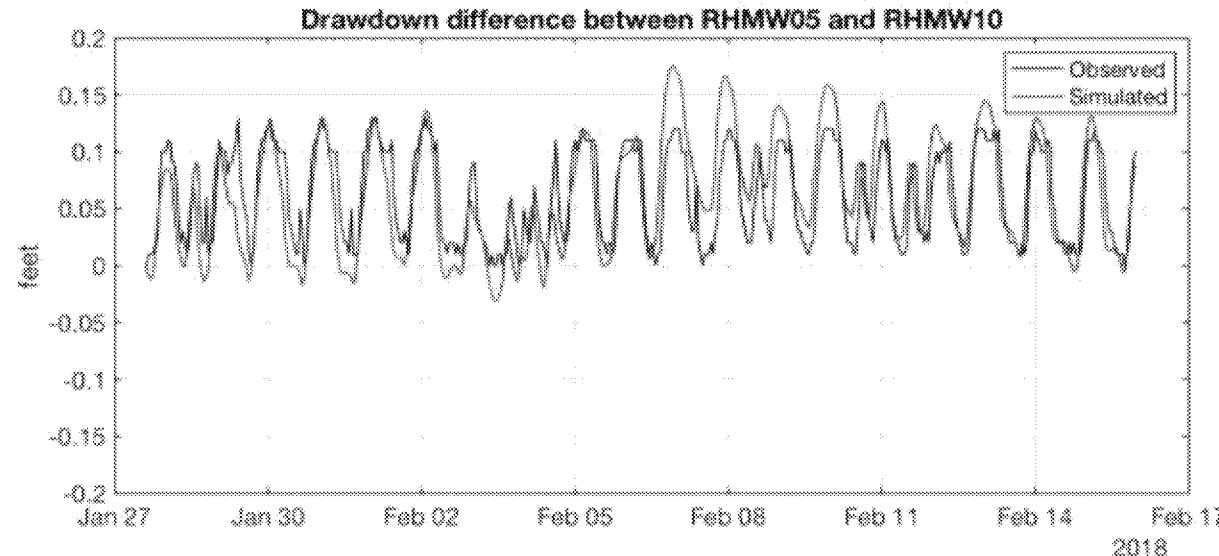
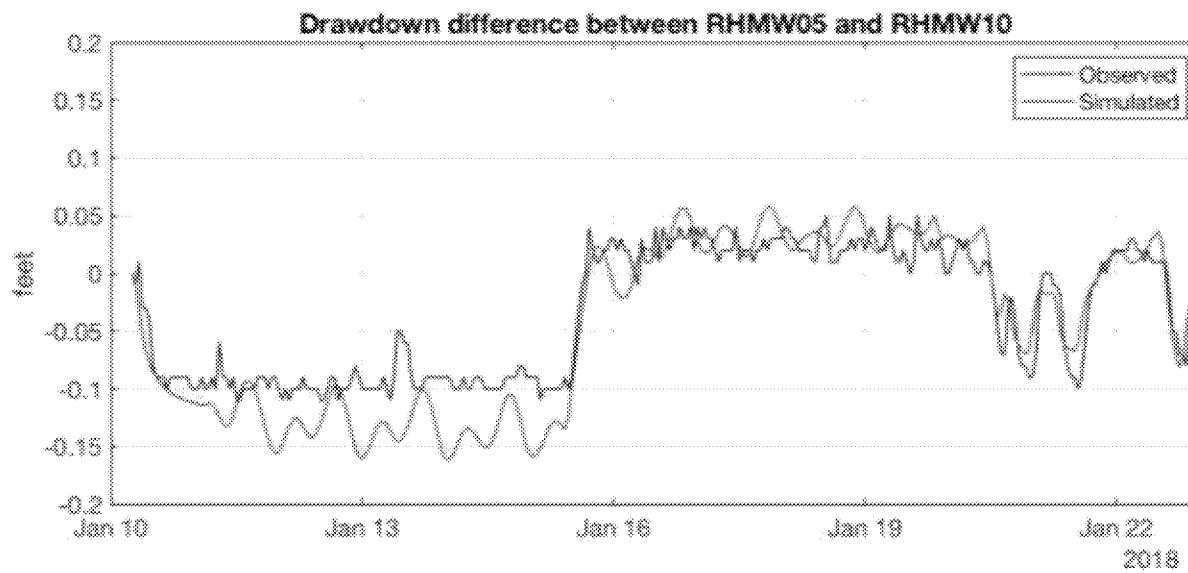
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RESULTS FOR RHMW05 –  
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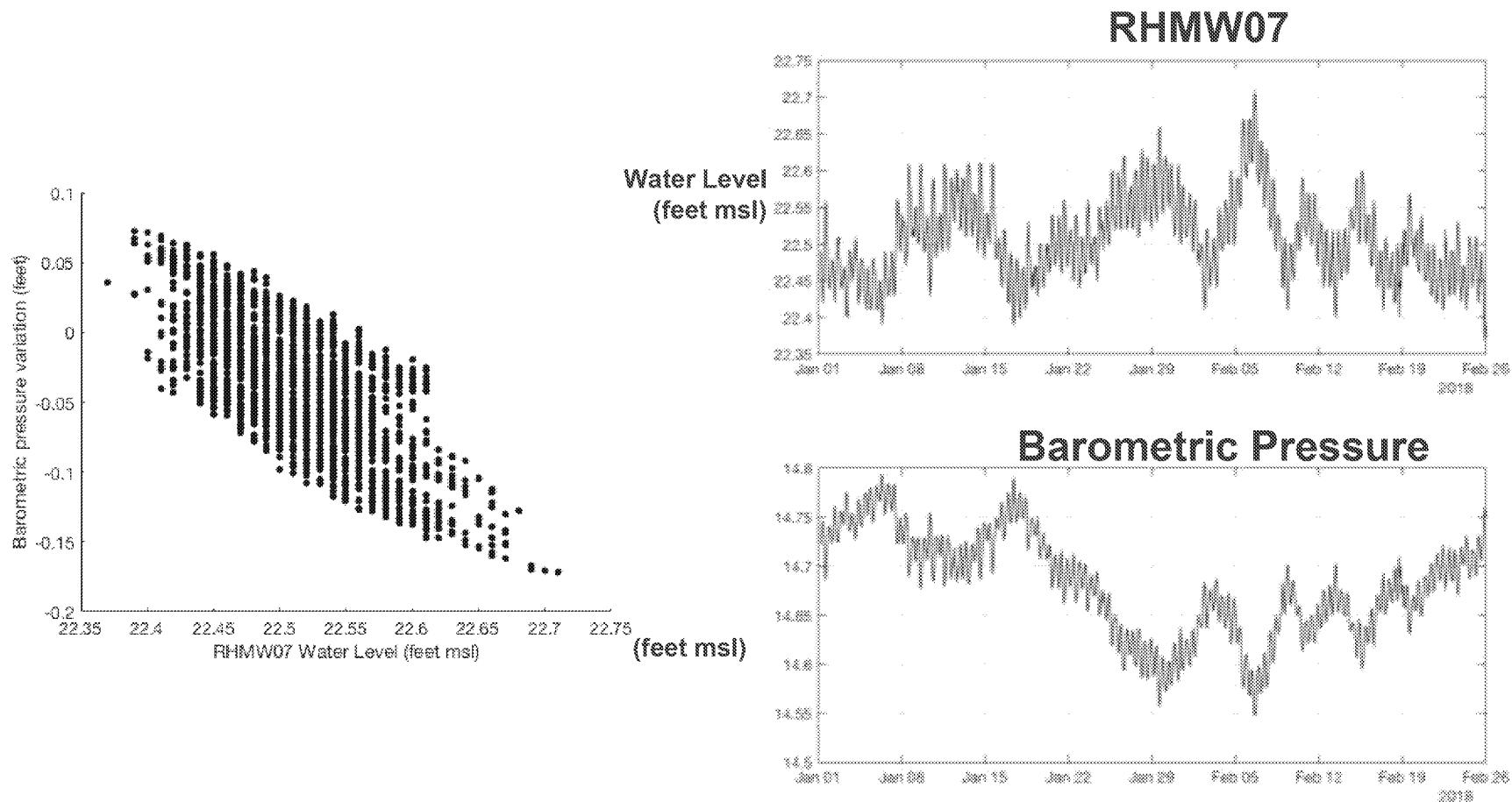
**TFN ANALYSIS:**  
**RESULTS FOR RHMW05 –**  
**SYNOPTIC DATA PERIOD**



**TFN ANALYSIS:  
DIFFERENTIAL HEAD TIME SERIES  
BETWEEN RHMW05 AND RHMW10**



**TFN ANALYSIS:  
STRONG CORRELATION OF RHMW07 AND  
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE VARIATION**



**TFN ANALYSIS:**  
**EQUIVALENT AQUIFER HYDRAULIC PARAMETER  
MAP – RED HILL SHAFT SHUTDOWN & RESTART**

Equivalent Parameters Representative of  
 Hydraulic Characteristics between  
 Red Hill Shaft and  
 Individual Observation Wells

RHMW07		
T	288,190	
S	0.20	

OWDFMW01		
T	506,033	
S	0.14	

- Monitoring Well
- Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility Boundary
- Red Hill Fuel Storage Tank

RHMW11		
Zone 5	T	896,272
	S	0.06
Zone 4	T	928,840
	S	0.05
Zone 3	T	1,040,145
	S	0.05
Zone 2	T	889,277
	S	0.06
Zone 1	T	1,046,536
	S	0.08

RHMW06		
T	695,828	
S	0.03	

RHMW04		
T	800,609	
S	0.03	

RHMW03		
T	505,888	
S	0.02	

RHMW10		
T	471,360	
S	0.02	

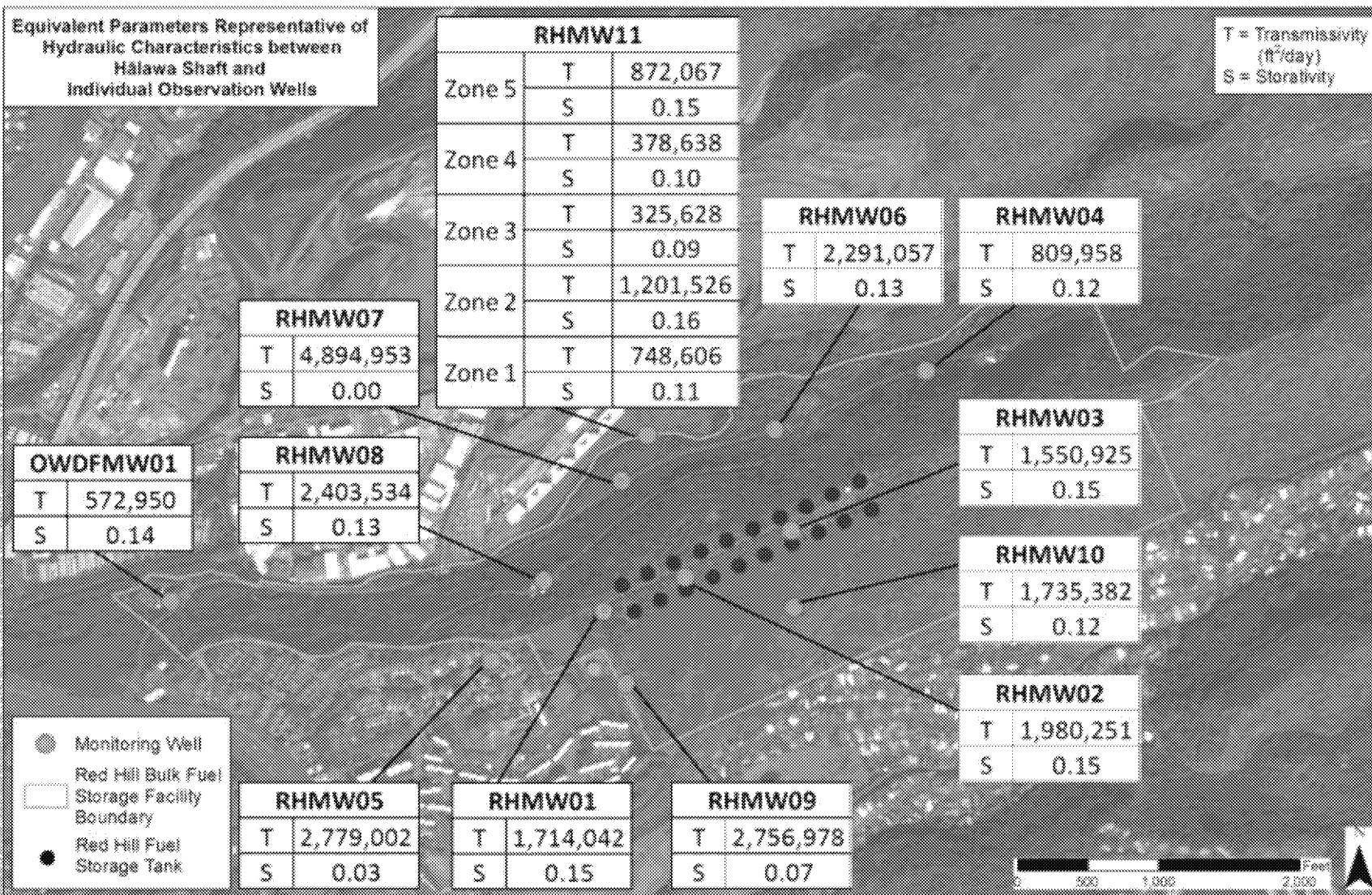
RHMW02		
T	457,781	
S	0.03	

RHMW09		
T	472,156	
S	0.04	



T = Transmissivity  
 (ft<sup>2</sup>/day)  
 S = Storativity

# TFN ANALYSIS: EQUIVALENT AQUIFER HYDRAULIC PARAMETER MAP – HALAWA SHAFT SHUTDOWN & RESTART



# TFN ANALYSIS: HYDRAULIC PARAMETER COMPARISONS

Cooper-Jacob				Theis				TFN	
	Drawdown	Recovery		Drawdown	Recovery			Effective Transmissivity (ft <sup>2</sup> /d)	Apparent Storativity
Mean	754,000	0.05	684,000	0.05	651,000	0.06	1,030,000	0.08	678,000
Min.	588,000	0.02	384,000	0.01	559,000	0.02	708,000	0.02	452,000
Max.	1,110,000	0.15	982,000	0.13	750,000	0.19	1,260,000	0.38	1,047,000

\* Only includes the Red Hill monitoring well network

# TFN ANALYSIS: ANALYSIS OF AQUIFER ANISOTROPY – RED HILL SHAFT SHUTDOWN AND RESTART

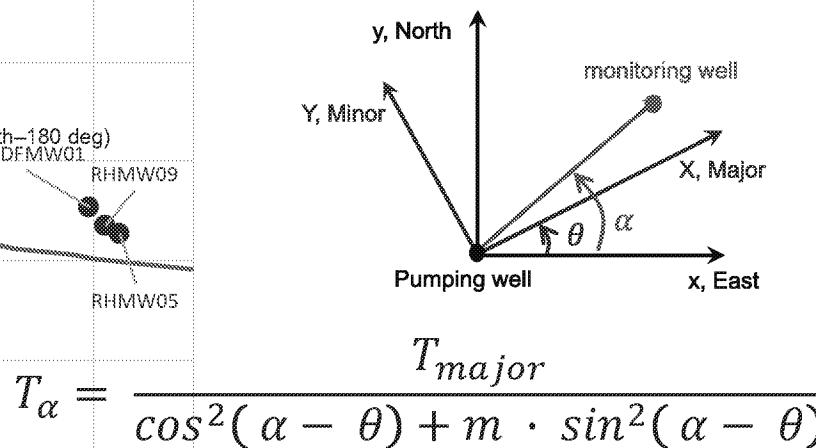
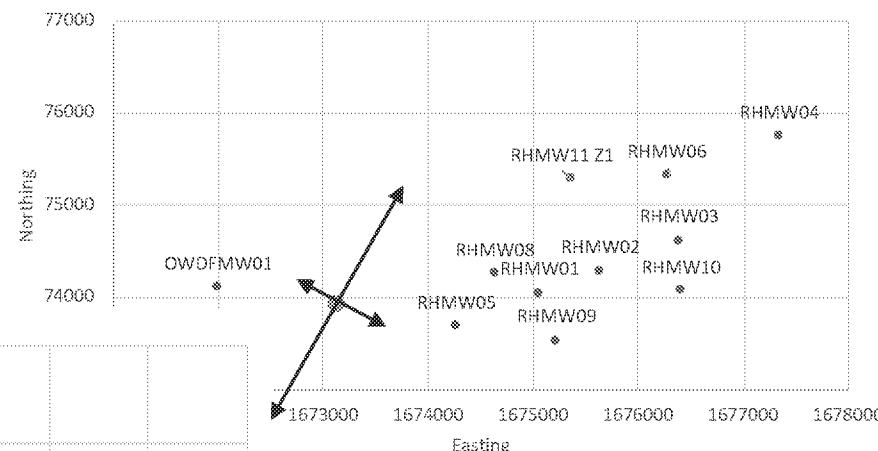
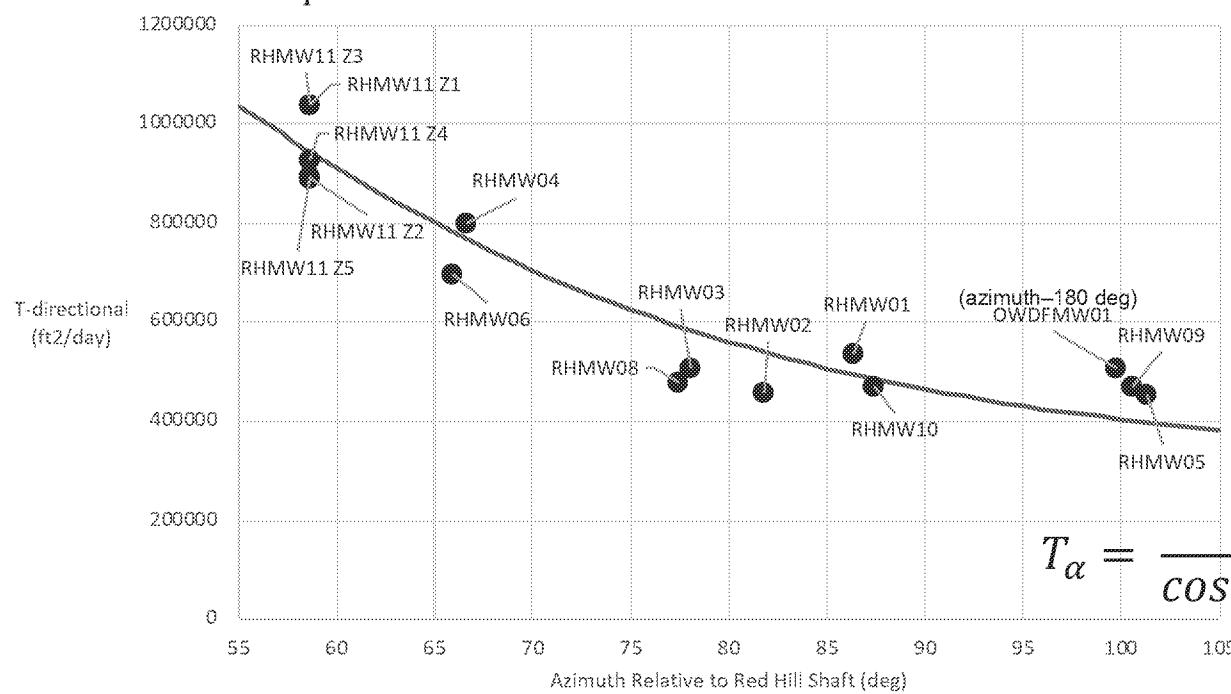
$\theta$  = Azimuth of major principal direction

= 35 degrees (215 degrees)

Azimuth of minor principal direction

= 125 degrees (305 degrees)

$$m = \frac{T_X}{T_Y} = 4$$



Analytical solution  
matches data  
reasonably well

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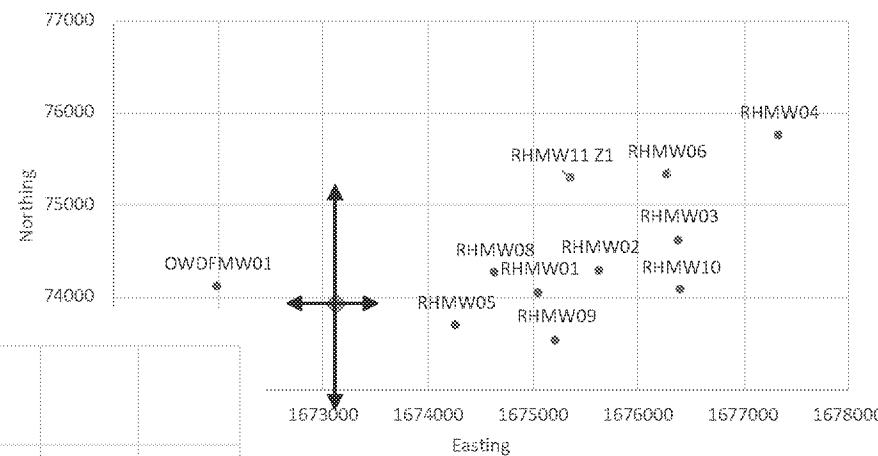
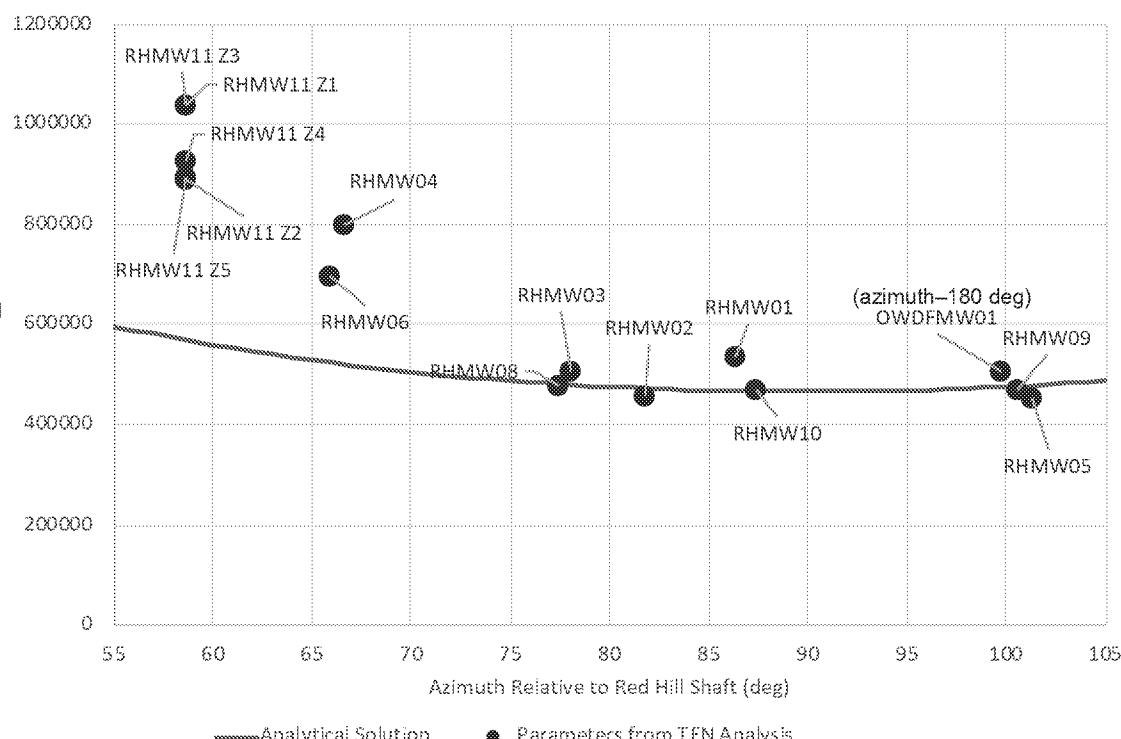
Azimuth of major principal direction

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Azimuth of minor principal direction

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Analytical curve is too flat for azimuth between 55 deg and 75 deg

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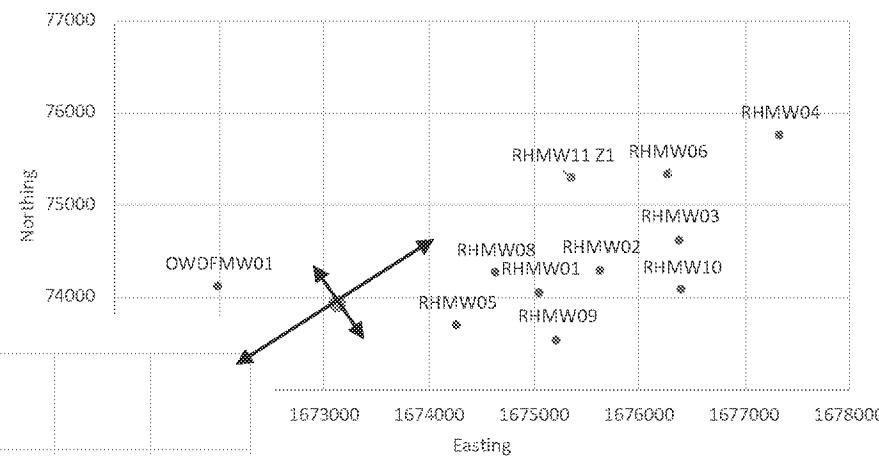
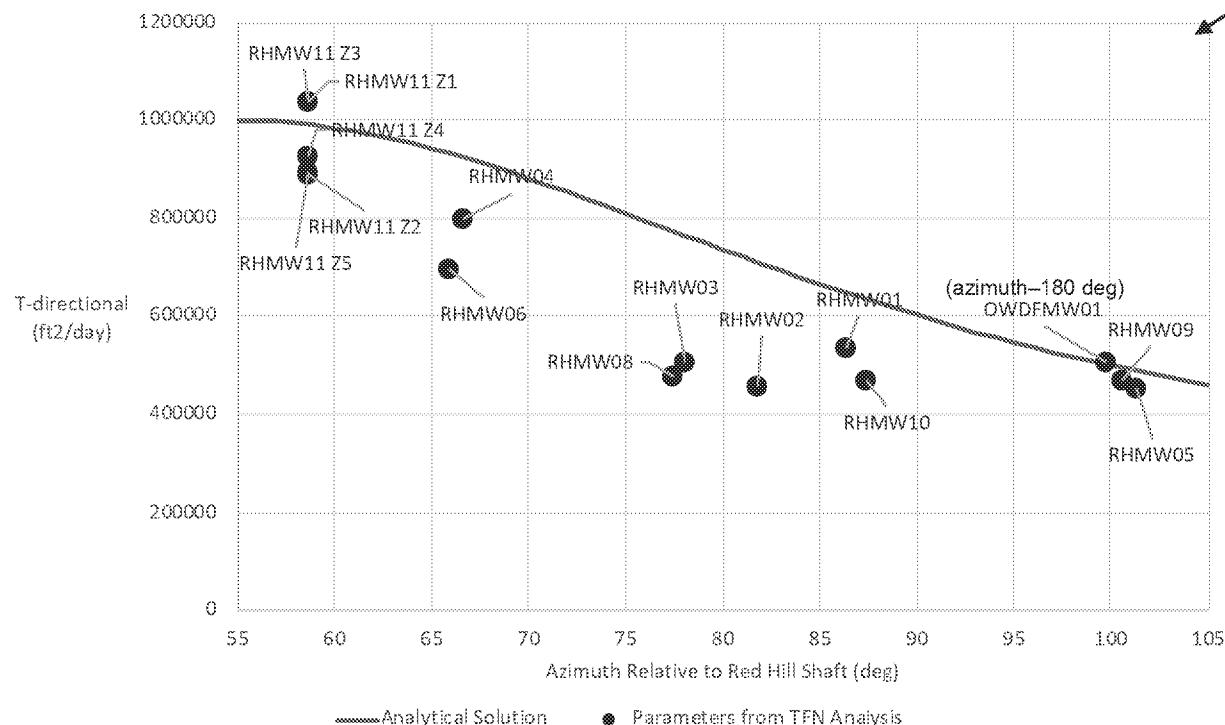
Azimuth of major principal direction

= 55 degrees (235 degrees)

Azimuth of minor principal direction

= 145 degrees (325 degrees)

$$\frac{T_x}{T_y} = 3$$



Slope of analytical  
curve is too uniform

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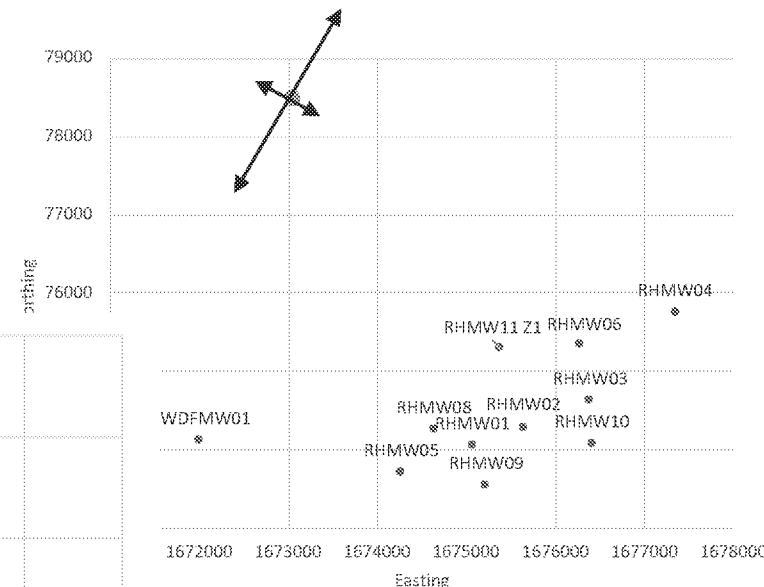
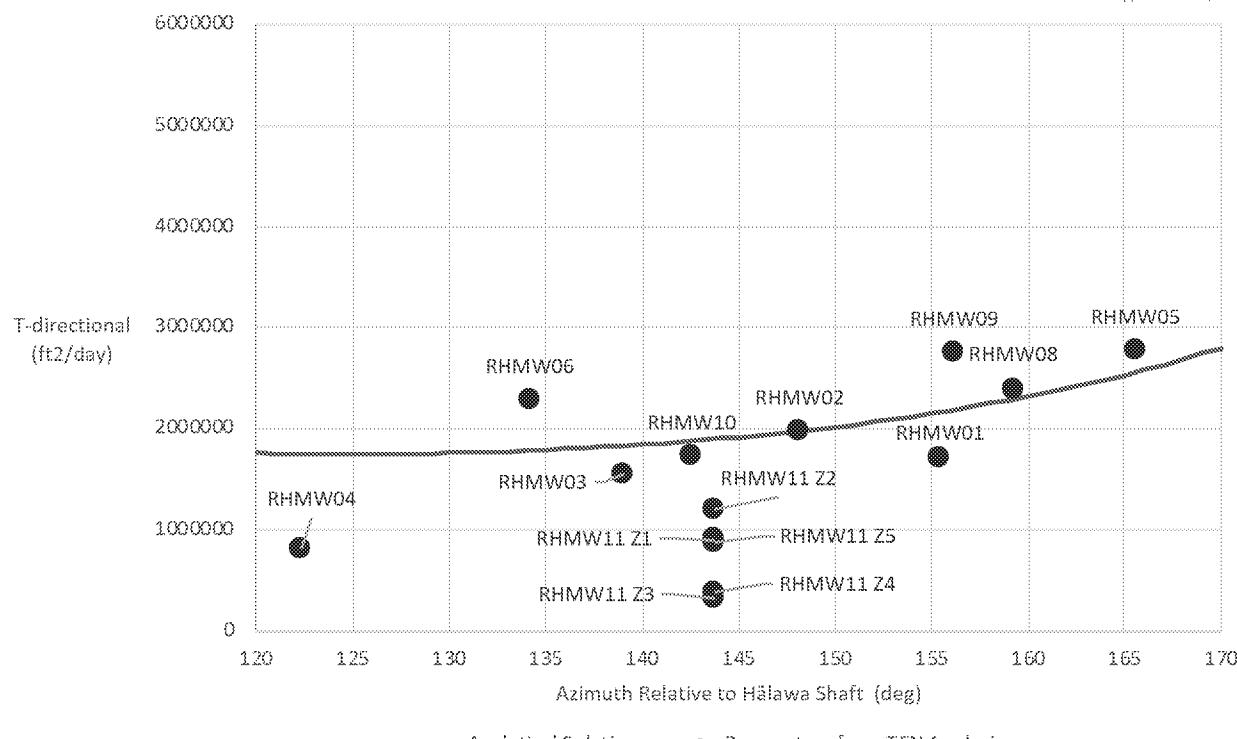
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Azimuth of minor principal direction

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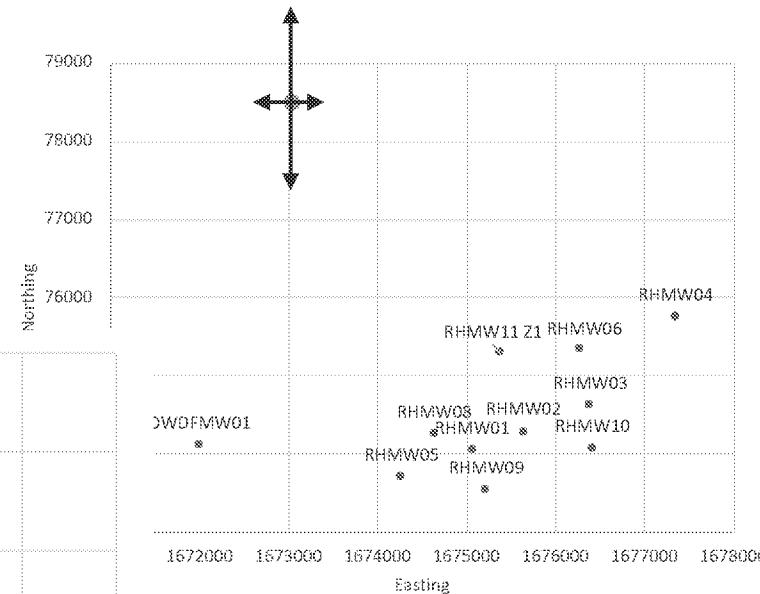
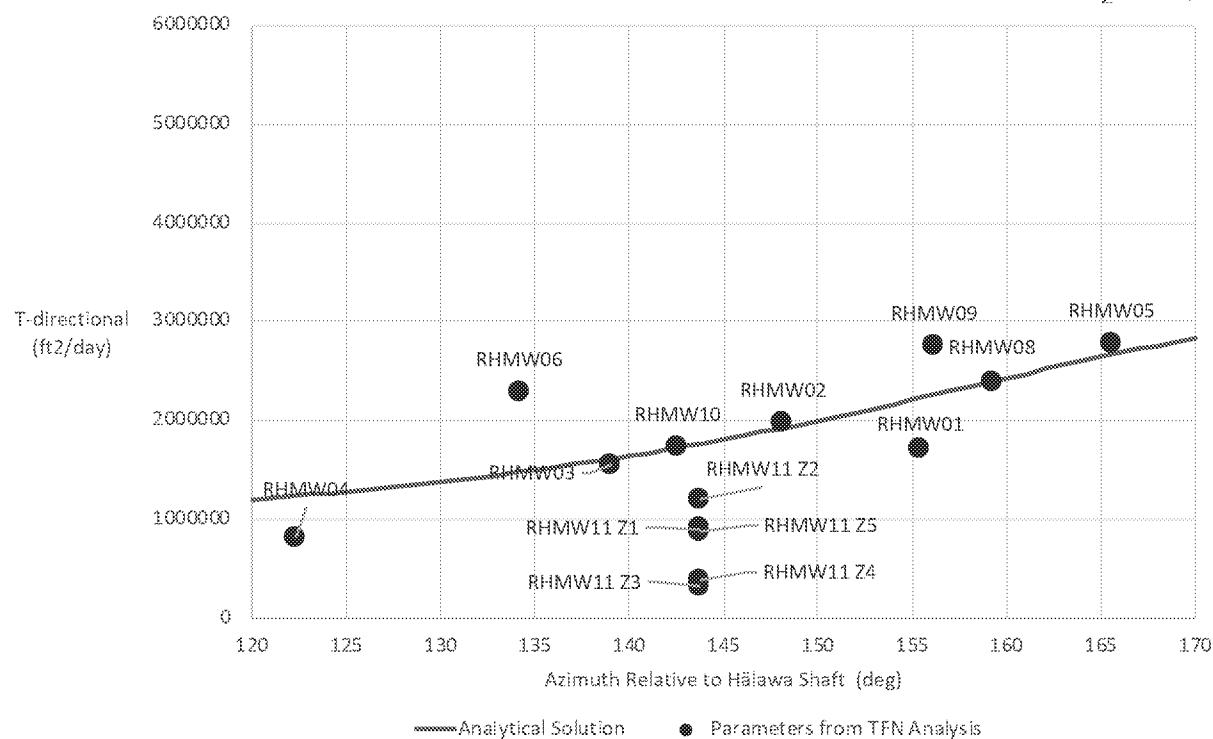
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Azimuth of minor principal direction

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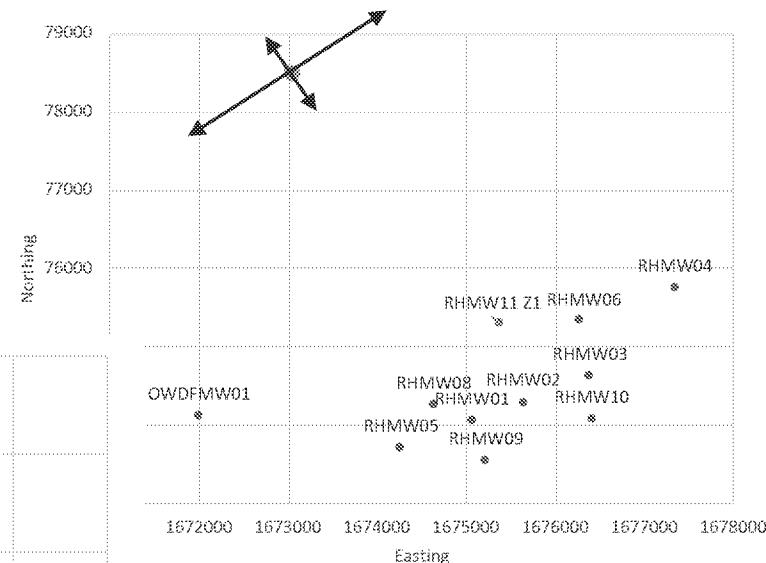
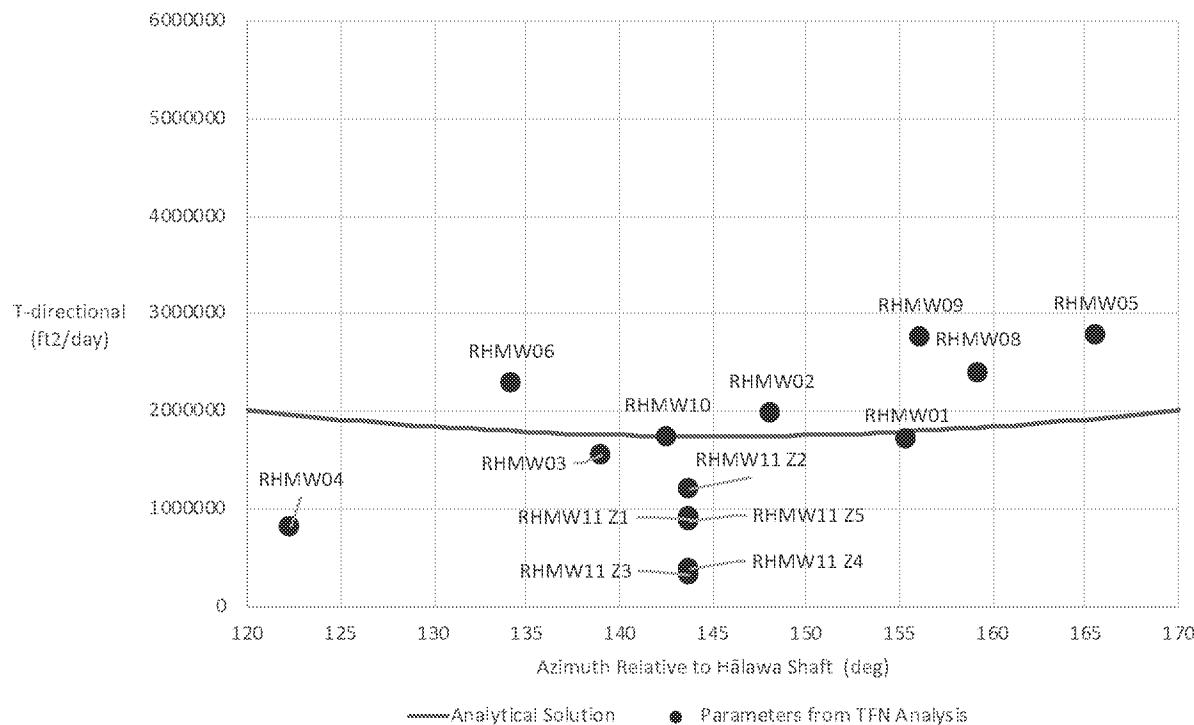
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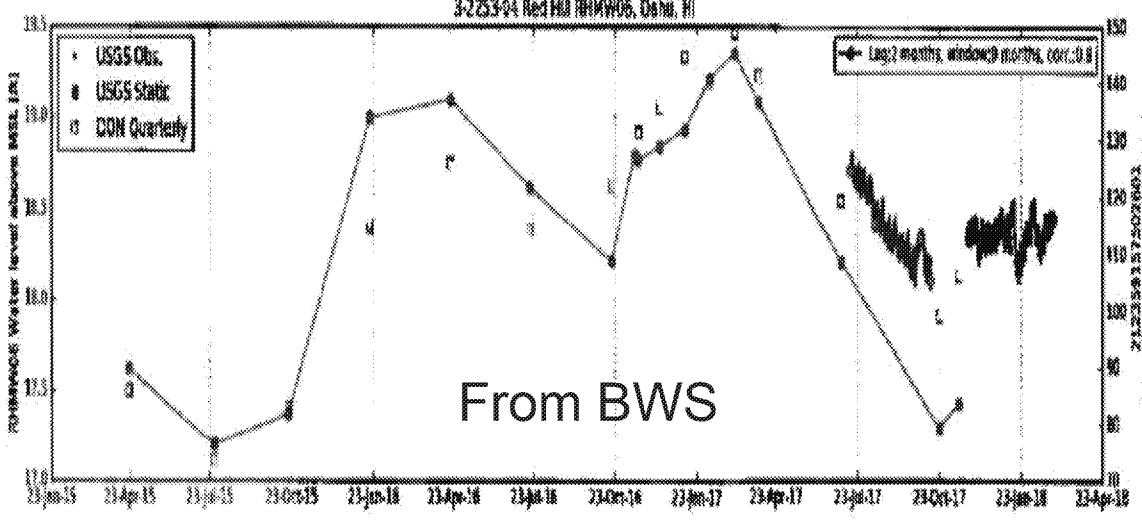
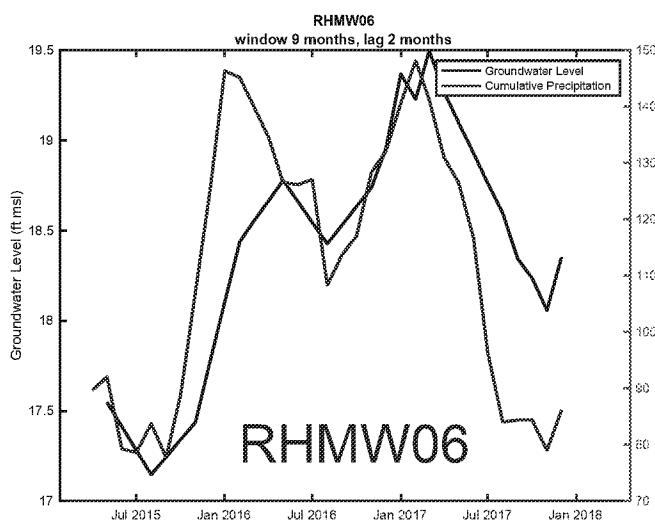
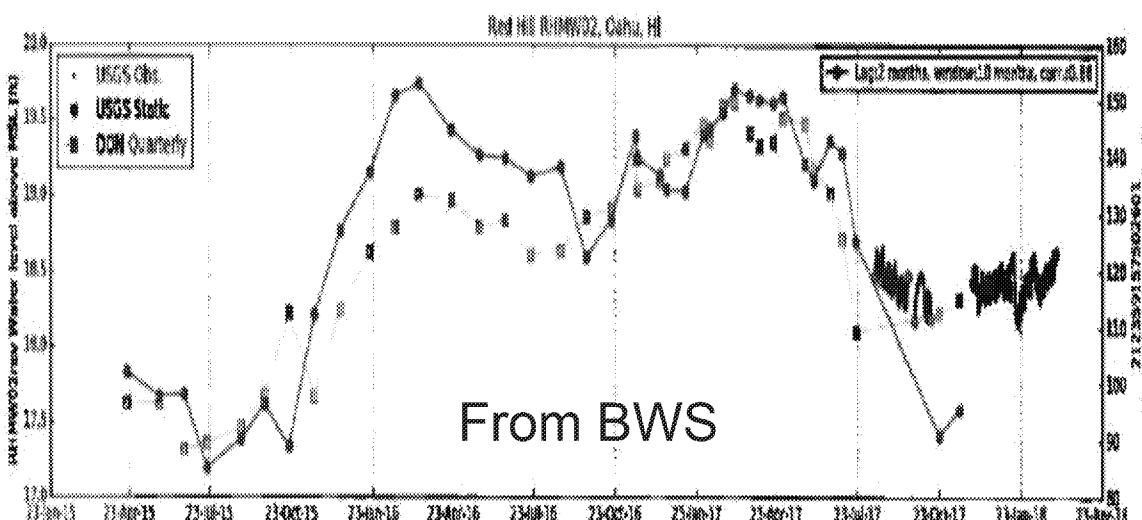
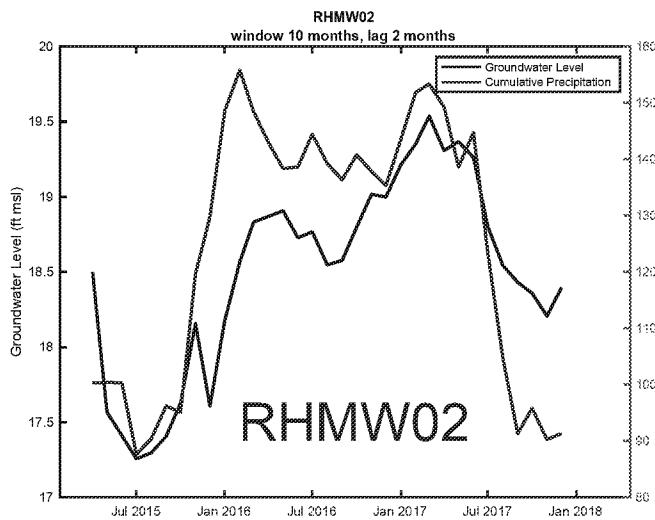
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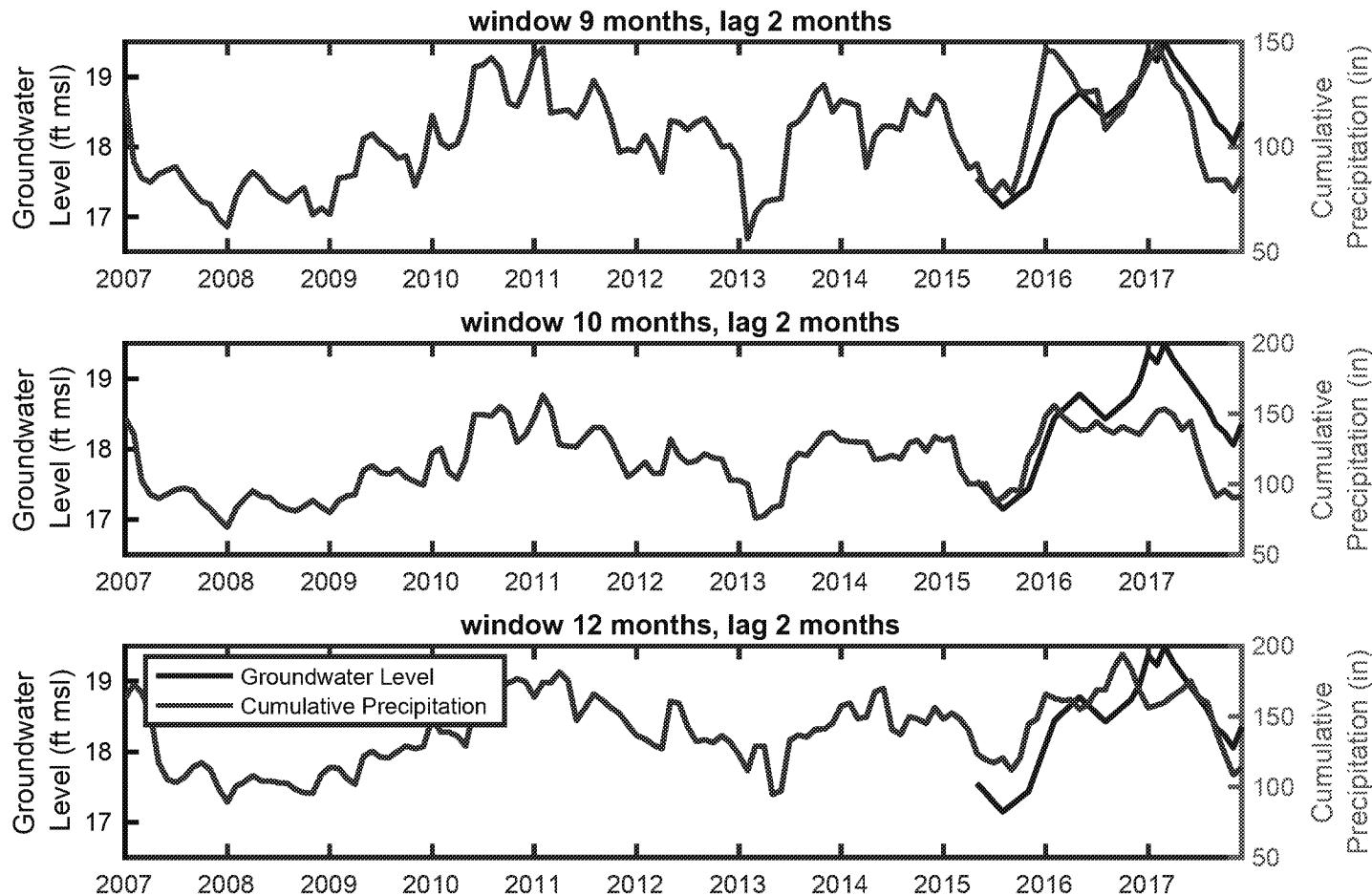


Analytical curve is too flat

# TFN ANALYSIS: MULTI-YEAR RAINFALL AND WATER LEVEL RELATIONSHIP: **RHMW02 AND RHMW06 FROM 2015 – 2018**

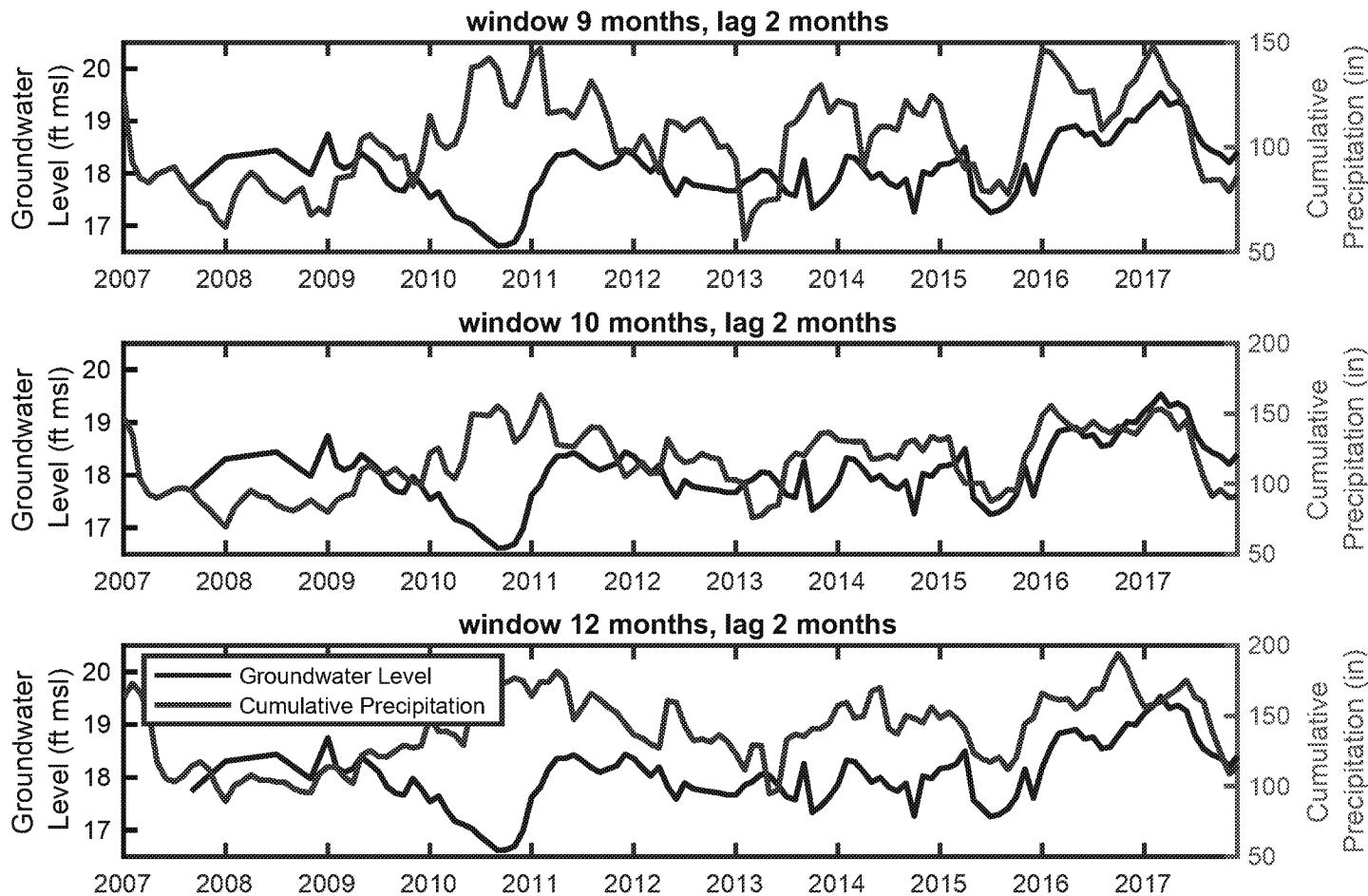


# TFN ANALYSIS: MULTI-YEAR RAINFALL AND WATER LEVEL RELATIONSHIP: RHMW06 FROM 2007 – 2018



Water level is short for characterizing reliable relationship

# TFN ANALYSIS: MULTI-YEAR RAINFALL AND WATER LEVEL RELATIONSHIP: RHMW02 FROM 2007 – 2018



2015–2018  
observations  
cannot be  
generalized to  
long-term  
behavior

## **TFN ANALYSIS: SUMMARY**

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- Red Hill Shaft pumping has a significant effect on monitoring wells near Red Hill and is more influential than effects related to pumping at Halawa Shaft (and other pumping wells in the area).
- Precipitation/streamflow did not show an influence on water levels on a daily or weekly basis, indicating that localized recharge is insignificant.
- TFN-based step response function in individual monitoring wells will be used to support model calibration.
- TFN-based hydraulic analyses support very high permeabilities in shallow groundwater beneath Red Hill, which is also demonstrated in the synoptic data review.
- The TFN analysis supports a major principal direction of around 215° azimuth.

# **GROUNDWATER FLOW MODEL UPDATE: GRIDS, LAYERS, AND BOUNDARIES**

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# **MODELING UPDATE PROGRESS: SUMMARY**

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- Evaluated data needs for updated model
- Developed 3-D geologic block model to include saprolite, tuff, alluvial sediments, and marine limestone
- Obtained concurrence on grid orientation from Regulatory Agencies
- Developing model grid
- Developing other datasets for 2017–2018 Synoptic Study
  - Recharge
  - NE Inflow
  - Estimated spring flows from Navy Aiea (Navy Boat Harbor) well water levels
  - Synoptic Study pumping and water level response datasets
  - Preliminary material property estimates from literature
  - TFN analysis

# **MODELING UPDATE PROGRESS: MODEL GRID UPDATE SUMMARY**

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- Quadtree grid aligned with 213.6-degree dip azimuth
- Grid Levels:
  - Parent grid = 500 ft
  - Level 1 = 250 ft
  - Level 2 = 125 ft
    - NW and SE boundaries
    - Tuff cone perimeter
    - Red Hill ridge
    - Adjacent ridges
    - Area of interest
    - Saprolite extent based on two different depths as interpreted at Halawa Deep Monitoring Well (2253-03)
    - Marine caprock limestone extent
  - Level 3 = 62.5 ft
    - Pumping wells
  - Level 4 = 31.25 ft
    - Red Hill Shaft
    - Halawa Shaft

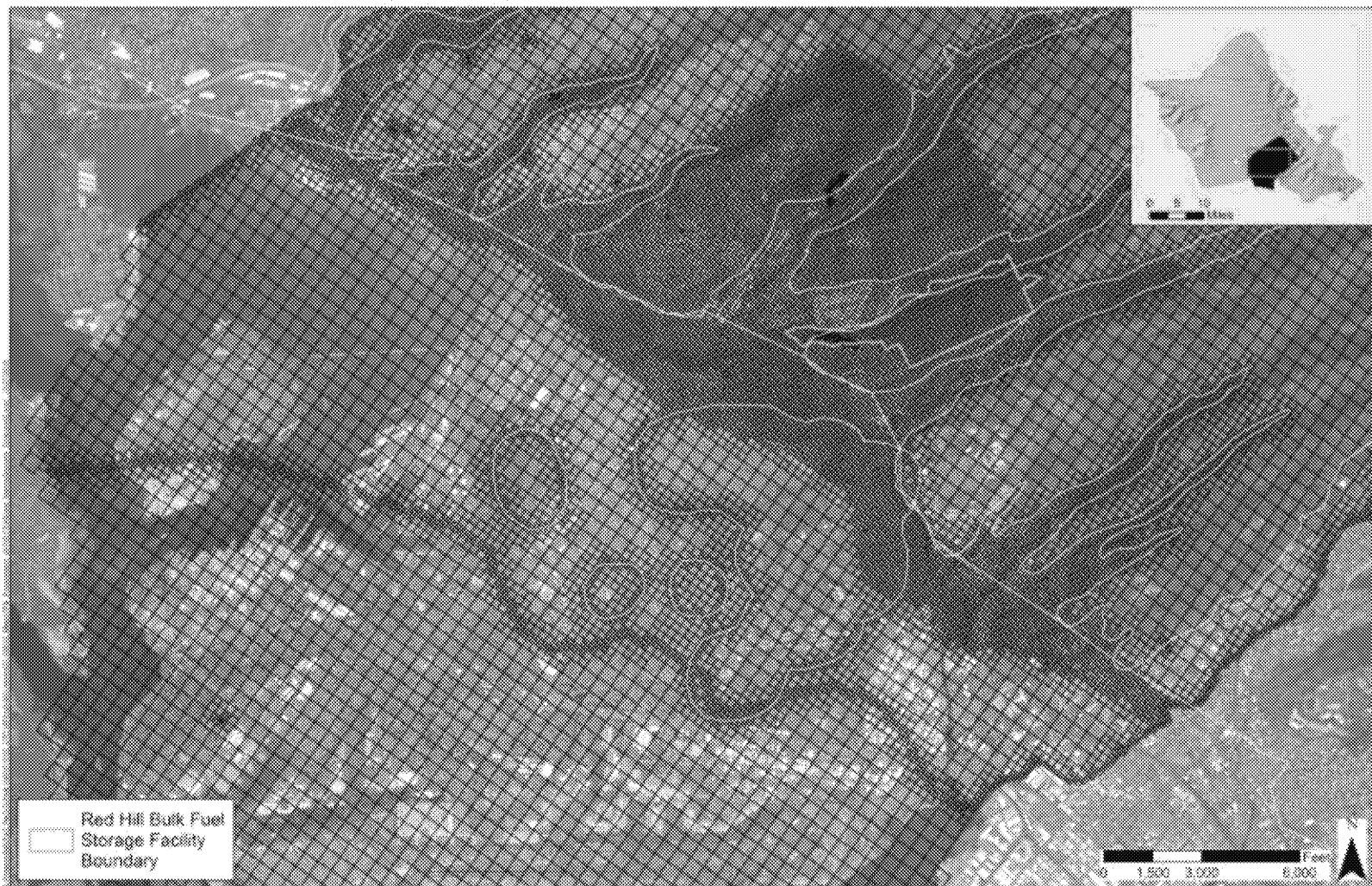
# MODELING UPDATE PROGRESS: MODEL GRID AERIAL VIEW



The grid refinement is the same for all layers, with Azimuth = 213.6

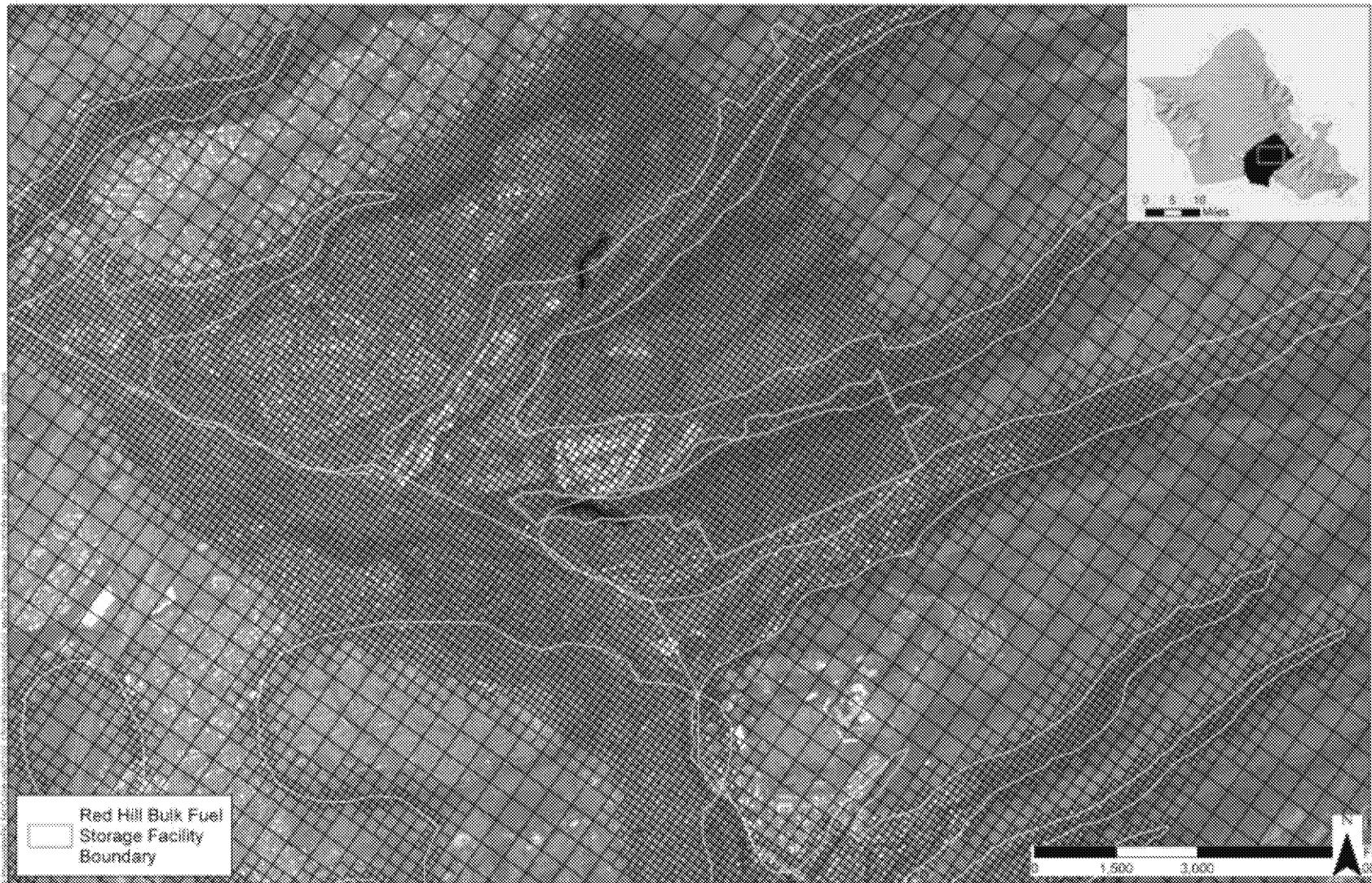
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**MODELING UPDATE PROGRESS:  
TUFF CONE AND MARINE DEPOSITS EXTENT  
(GRID LEVEL 2)**



**Marine deposits perimeter extent connects both NW and SE boundaries.**

**MODELING UPDATE PROGRESS:  
RED HILL RIDGE, ADJACENT RIDGES, AND  
AREA OF INTEREST (GRID LEVEL 2)**



**MODELING UPDATE PROGRESS:  
NW BOUNDARY (GRID LEVEL 2)**



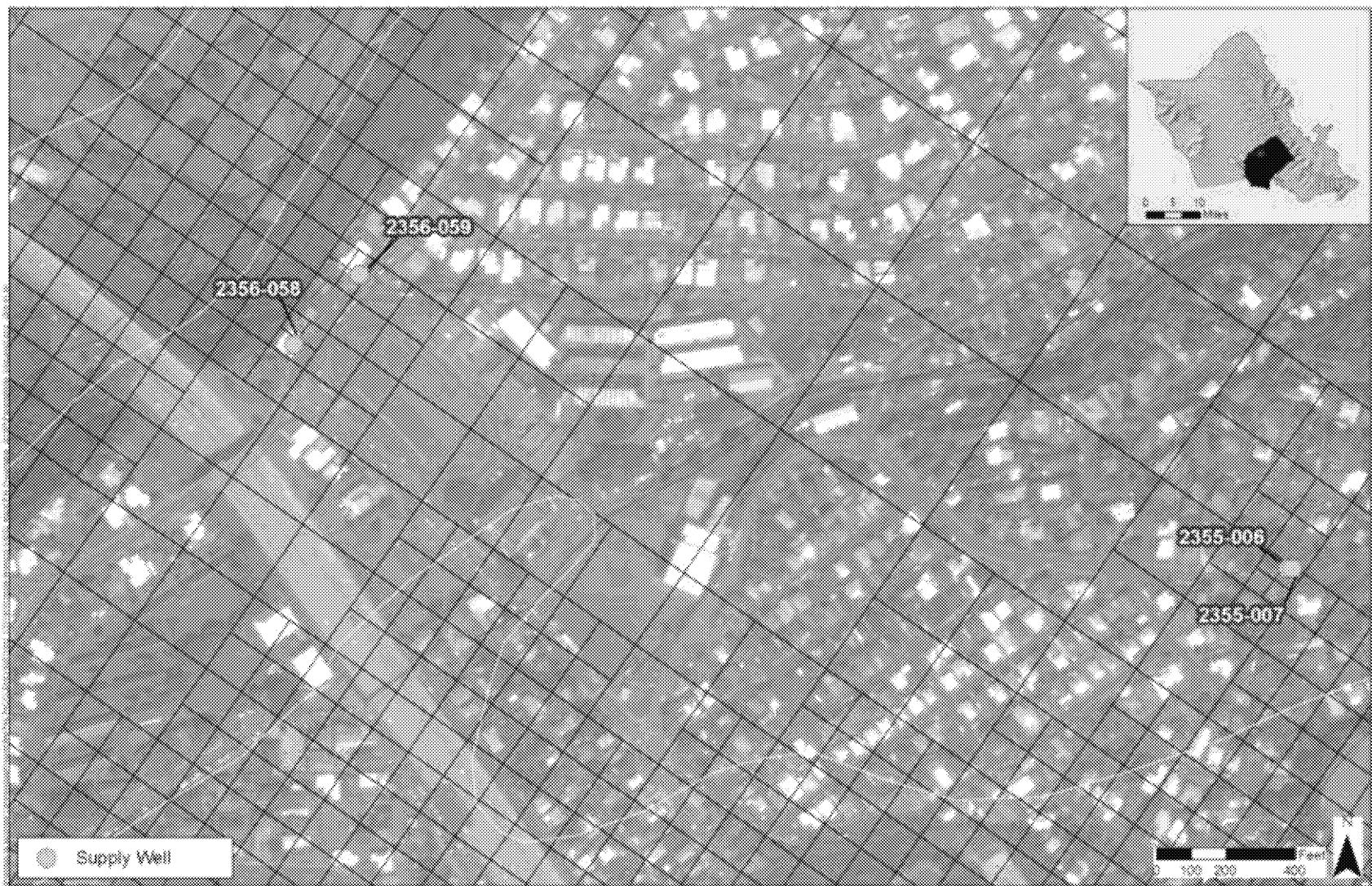
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# MODELING UPDATE PROGRESS: SE BOUNDARY (GRID LEVEL 2)

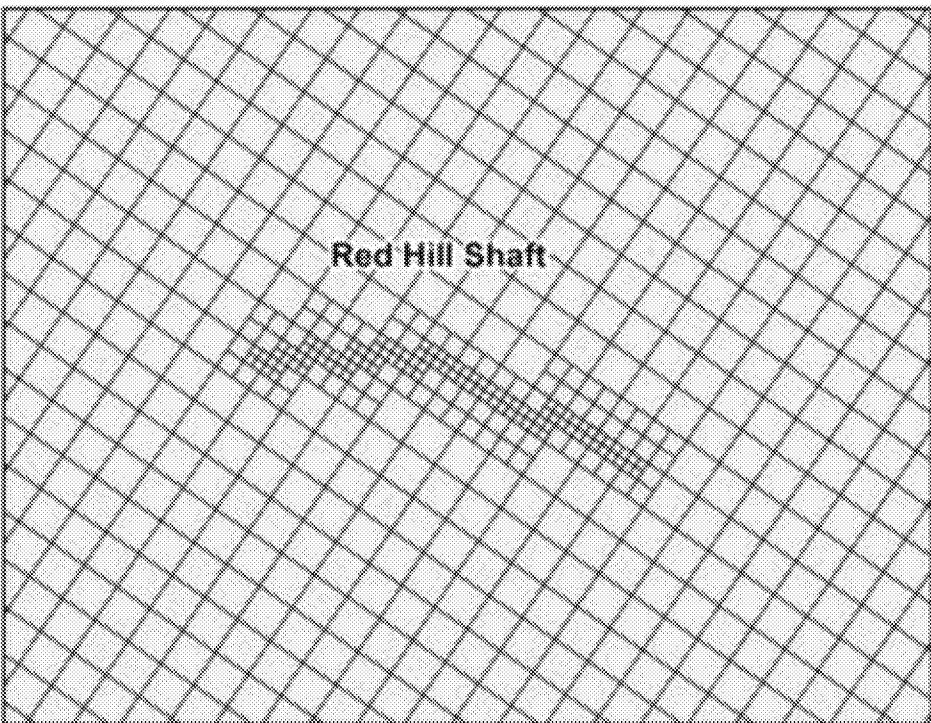


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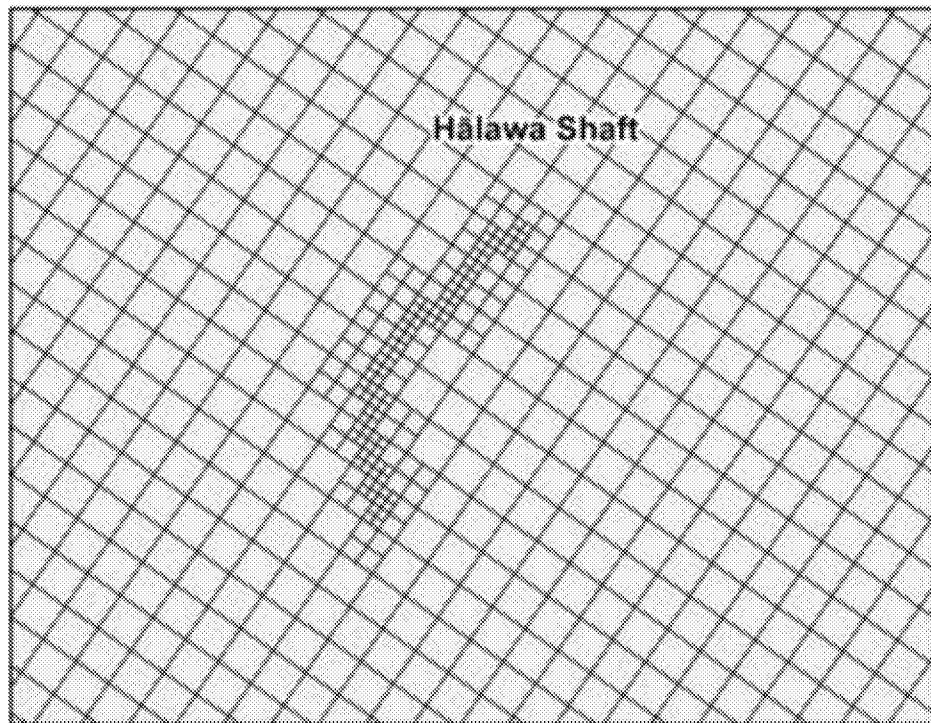
**MODELING UPDATE PROGRESS:  
PUMPING WELLS (GRID LEVEL 3)**



**MODELING UPDATE PROGRESS:**  
**RED HILL SHAFT AND HALAWA SHAFT**  
**(GRID LEVEL 4)**

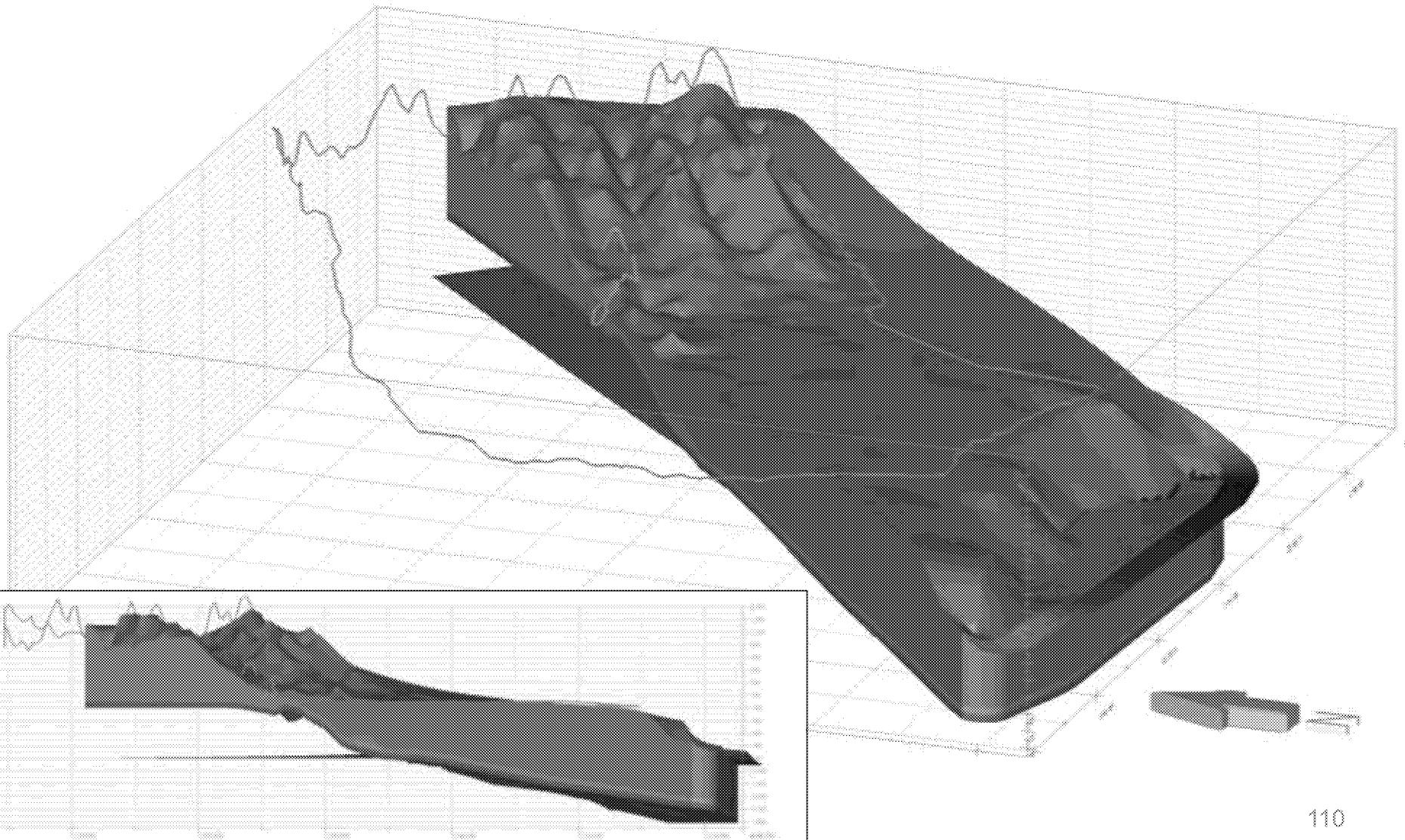


Red Hill Shaft

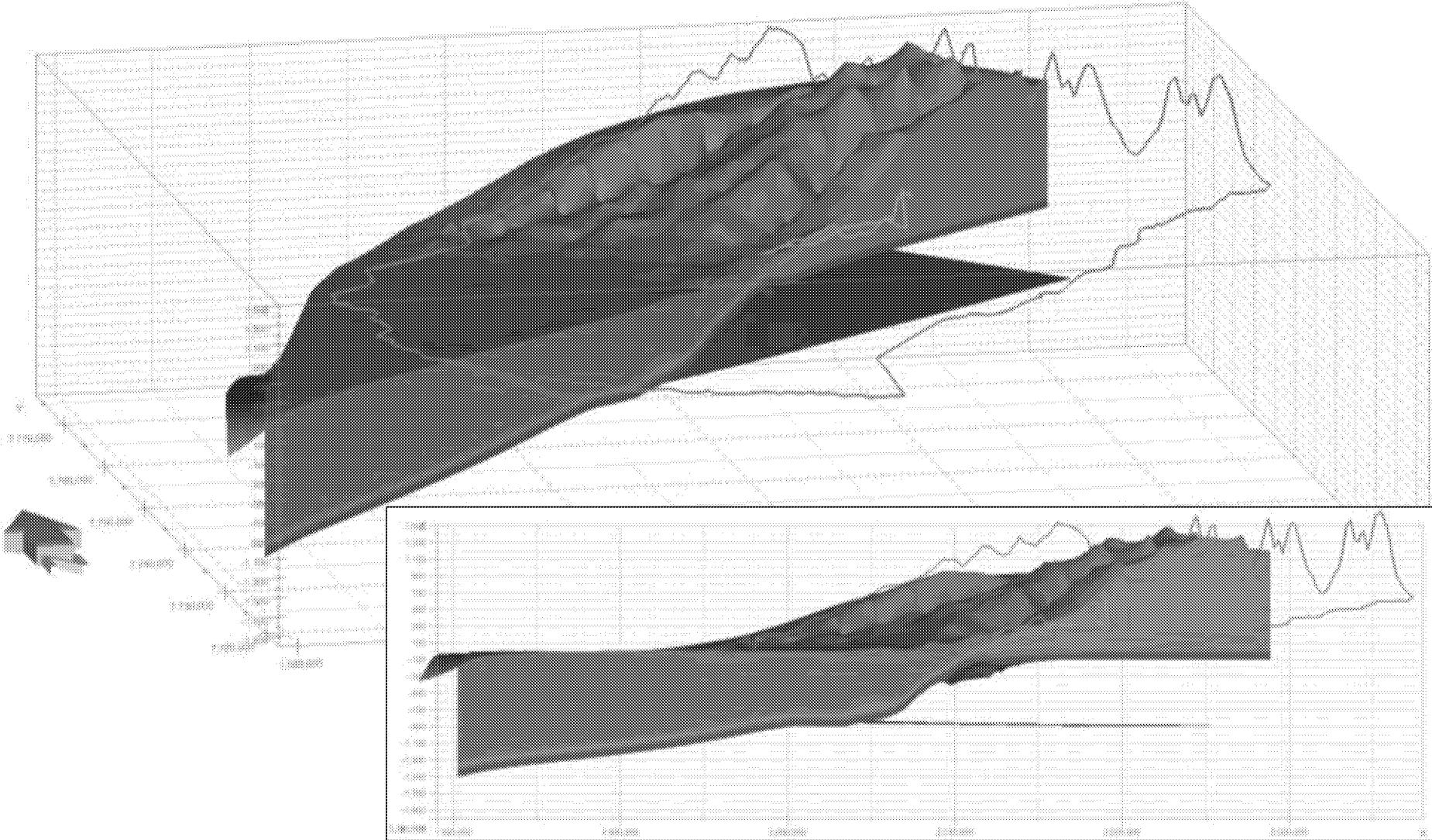


Halawa Shaft

**MODELING UPDATE PROGRESS:  
CROSS SECTION THROUGH MODEL  
DOMAIN: NE-SW**



**MODELING UPDATE PROGRESS:  
CROSS SECTION THROUGH MODEL  
DOMAIN: SE-NW**



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**MODELING UPDATE PROGRESS:  
UPDATED CALIBRATION TARGETS  
FOR REVISED MODEL**

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**Synoptic Data Processed through TFN**

- Using 2017/2018 synoptic data
- Shallow gradients and small head differences between wells create unique calibration challenges
- We will calibrate to signal, not noise
- TFN analysis isolates signal, removes noise and results in a cleaner calibration data set

**MODELING UPDATE PROGRESS:  
UPDATED CALIBRATION TARGETS  
FOR REVISED MODEL**

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### **Head-Difference Targets**

- Calibrating to head differences also enhances signal, compared to absolute heads
- We are simulating flow behavior
- A head mismatch of 0.1 ft can be inconsequential to flow, while a head-difference mismatch always affects flow
  - Spatial differences (well pairs)
  - Temporal differences (drawdown/buildup)
  - Focus is on behavior between wells and between times
- 2017–2018 synoptic dataset will be used to develop absolute head and head-difference targets for calibration

# **GROUNDWATER FLOW MODEL CALIBRATION: TRANSFER FUNCTION-NOISE ANALYSIS**

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# **MODELING UPDATE APPROACH**

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- **Geologic Mapping and Modeling Grid Orientation**
- **Address issues identified by Regulatory Agencies**
  - Geophysical surveys
  - Additional well drilling
  - 2017–2018 Synoptic Water Level Study
  - Interim modeling evaluation
- **Calibrate updated model to information from 2017–2018 Synoptic Water Level Study**
- **Evaluate particle migration and solute transport to refine model**

**MODELING UPDATE APPROACH:**

## **GEOLOGIC MAPPING AND MODELING GRID ORIENTATION**

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- The AOC Parties have agreed with a primary lava flow orientation dip azimuth of 213.6 degrees and a dip magnitude of 2.9 degrees.
- The Navy is proceeding with modeling accordingly, constructing the model with a grid orientation of 213.6 degrees.
- The Navy is also performing limited sensitivity runs/analyses with a second model orientation using a dip azimuth of 184.6 degrees and dip angle of 5.9 degrees (based on the bimodal Gaussian distribution).
- Note that all of the data acquired and evaluated for the orientations described above are from the vadose zone.
- The Navy plans to use these same grid orientations for the vadose zone evaluation.

# **SENSITIVITY ANALYSES: ALTERNATIVE MODELS**

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- Average basalt
- Clinker model
- Heterogeneous model
- Pearl Harbor v. Offshore GHB conductance sensitivity
- Honolulu Volcanics properties sensitivity
- Lateral boundary GHB sensitivity
- Sensitivity on anisotropy direction (strike)

# **REGULATORY AGENCIES' LOOKING FORWARD/FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

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**STATUS UPDATES:**

**NAVY'S CURRENT/PROJECTED FIELD ACTIVITIES**

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019 GW LTM event - April
- Drilling and well/test borehole installation update:
  - RHMW14 Westbay install scheduled for the week of March 18
  - RHTB01 drilling scheduled following RHMW14
  - RHMW13 drilling scheduled following RHTB01
  - RHMW12 drilling and RHMW15 completion - TBD
- Synoptic water level data collection ongoing

# **SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS**

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- Overview of technical feedback, decisions, and action items
- Around the table and takeaways
- Next modeling working group meeting: TBD
- Proposed topics for next modeling working group meeting